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Canton reveals trail system expansion plans

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Amid strong demand from residents, Canton officials have confirmed plans to extend the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, which already carves a pristine swath of nature across the township.

Work is expected to begin next year on a 1.5-mile extension east from the I-275 Metro Trail to Hannan Road — the dividing line between Canton and Wayne.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the \$160,000 project should be completed in 2017. It will add to Canton's

existing 12-mile trail system.

The latest trail expansion comes after a survey conducted last year by an outside firm found that 81 percent of Canton residents have a desire for trails where they can walk, run or bike.

"It's in demand from the community," Canton Leisure

Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Her remarks came Tuesday evening as the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed to spend \$19,800 to hire Smith-GroupJJR — an architecture, engineering and planning firm — to design the trail project.

The decision came one day

before Canton, developing a five-year blueprint for parks and recreation needs, was to seek public opinion during a brainstorming session at Summit on the Park.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the SmithGroupJJR has long

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Reading with Elle



Sessions at the Plymouth District Library draw kids into reading for fun

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jill Gaylord of Canton brought son Tyler, 10, to the Plymouth District Library the evening of Monday, Oct. 26.

"Because he enjoys dogs," she said of Tyler's reading with a Reading Education Assistance Dog, Elle. "At one time, he was a timid reader and that seemed to ease his reading. He likes any kind of sports or the graphic novels."

Tyler, a fifth-grader at Hulsing Elementary in Canton, is particularly fond of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. "It's just a unique way of getting them to read when they don't really want to," Jill Gaylord said.

Of Tyler now, his mom said of school performance, "Very good. He enjoys school."

In a room in the library's youth department, Tyler and Elle were with Lynne Hagmann. "We have to be registered as a pet therapy team first," Hagmann

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JULIE BROWN

Tyler Gaylord, 10, of Canton, a Hulsing Elementary fifth-grader, reads with Elle at the Plymouth District Library.

Local leaders see trouble with student retention

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton school district leaders are disappointed — to say the least — that the Michigan House approved a week ago a controversial bill that would require students to repeat the third grade if they're not proficient readers.

The bill passed on a vote of 57-48, after impassioned pleas from lawmakers on both sides. It now goes to the Senate for consideration. In a second bill, the House approved a bill updating the state's rules on evaluations of teachers and administrators.

But it was the third-grade reading bill that sparked the big debate.

"I certainly understand the problem and the need to address the problem. But this bill does not do it. The threat to hold back a third-grader is not the way to solve the problem," said Rep. Kurt Heise-R-Plymouth.

"It does more to punish kids and belittle them."

The bill requires school districts to intervene early with struggling readers and employ early literacy coaches who would assist students and teachers.

"The hot button is the idea of retention," said Nick Brandon, P-CCS community relations director.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education had adopted a resolution opposing the measure. "It takes the discretion away from teachers and parents and makes the retention mandatory," Plymouth-Canton Trustee Kate Borninski said.

During the 2013-14 school year, 30 percent of Michigan fourth-graders who took the now-defunct MEAP exam failed it. The fourth-grade exam tests third-grade material. Meanwhile, on a more rigorous national exam — the National Assessment of Edu-



Borninski



Heise



Pagan

Pennies (nickels and dimes, too) help Goodfellows

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Small donations Saturday helped make big strides in ensuring no child in Canton Township goes without a Christmas.

Responding to Pennies From Heaven, a Canton Goodfellows fundraiser and a kick-

off of the group's annual holiday charity work, residents headed to the Summit on the Park with envelopes and bag of pennies — and nickels, dimes, quarters and paper money, too.

"Any kind of money," said John Spencer, the Canton Goodfellows president. Spencer, a Goodfellow in

Canton for 30 years, sat at the Summit with Lisa Kluka, a five-year member, collecting Pennies From Heaven donations and handing out apple cider and doughnuts to passersby.

Pennies From Heaven is a joint project between the Goodfellows and the *Observer & Eccentric*, which publishes

the *Canton Observer*. Fundraisers were held Saturday — on Make a Difference Day, a national day of service — in several other area communities, including Livonia, Redford Township, Farmington and Novi.

The money raised — about

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RETENTION

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cational Progress — nearly 70 percent of Michigan's fourth-graders were not proficient.

"Thirty percent of Michigan third-graders have not been afforded the gift of literacy," said Rep. Amanda Price, R-Park Township, the bill's chief sponsor. "This number is unacceptable and to me heartbreaking."

But Democrats, while saying they supported the bill's primary focus on intervention and help for struggling readers, raised concerns about a number of issues. They cited research that says children retained are more likely to drop out.

Many education groups were opposed to the bill. Members of the state Board of Education, in a unanimous statement a week ago, said they opposed the bill's mandate on retaining students.

"While there are situations where retaining students in their current grade is warranted, that decision needs to be decided on case-by-case basis, between educators and parents," the board said. "It should not be automatic."

Some students would be exempt from the retention mandate. They include special education students who aren't able to take the state exam, a special education student who has already received intensive intervention in reading but is still struggling and a student who has had less than three years of instruction in a program for students who have limited English speaking skills.

Calling HB 4822 "a gimmick bill" that appeals to more conservative Republicans, Heise said he let his counterparts in Lansing know he would not support the measure. "I really don't think it will address the problem," he said.

In fact, Heise made it clear that children who don't achieve a certain level of reading skills is not just a teacher or school district problem, but includes family and cultural issues, as well. Referring to research, Heises said that the prospect of flunking at ages of 8 or 9 "is tantamount to losing a parent."

State Rep. Kristi Pagan, who also voted against the bill, said, "while this bill has many positive provisions, such as identify students' reading difficulties early, develop individual intervention plans, employ research-based literacy improvement strategies and increase training and coaching for teachers in literacy instruction, I could not support a bill that includes mandatory retention for third-graders who are unable to pass a standardize test."

Heise and Pagan are concerned about the mandatory retention's financial impact on local school districts. Though the bill allows a two-year window to prepare districts, Heise said the legislation is essentially an unfunded mandate, despite a \$95 million budget allocation for early childhood.

"There is nothing that specifically funds this (retention)," Heise said.

Brandon expressed concern about the financial impact: "It absolutely has an impact on finances and in terms of time. We would have to administer a whole new system."

Pagan offered similar comments: "There is no guarantee future budgets will include such funding resulting in an unfunded mandate for early literacy intervention."

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\$412 at the Summit — will go toward the Goodfellows' No Child Without a Christmas campaign, an annual effort to provide needy Canton families with a supply of food, winter clothing and, for the children, a little something for under the tree.

"It's part of Christian service, to help others," Spencer said of his motivation. "It's the way I was raised."

Last year, Spencer said, the Canton Goodfellows helped 174

families at Christmas-time, with 447 children among those families. Many of those in need are single mothers with more than one child, he said.

This year, about 150 families have applied for assistance, with about 350 children in those families.

"We've had fewer applications, which is probably a good sign some people are doing better," Spencer said. The cutoff date for applications was Oct. 18.

'A good cause'

Rosemary Smith of Canton stopped by with an envelope full of pennies. She estimated it totaled between \$30 and \$40. "It's very heavy," she



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Six-year-old Ivy Oldenburg brings her family's donation Saturday to the Canton Goodfellows.

said.

Smith said she'd seen a newspaper article about the fundraiser. "I thought this was a good time to get rid of them and it's for a good cause," she said.

Kluka said she joined the Goodfellows' effort after being laid off from

her office job about five years ago.

"I enjoy volunteering in the community," she said. Many people have their favorite fundraisers, she said, and Pennies From Heaven is hers.

Kluka volunteers regularly at the Canton Public Library, works at the

Salvation Army around the holidays and is involved in adoptaussoldier.org, which sends letters, cards and care packages to U.S. service personnel stationed overseas.

Coming up is the Canton Goodfellows' annual paper sale, the first Saturday in December, Dec. 5. It is a major fundraiser for the No Child Without a Christmas effort and the event for which the group is best known. In mid-December, Goodfellows will assemble the food and gift baskets to be delivered at Christmas.

James Oldenburg of Canton stopped by the Summit on Saturday with daughter Ivy, 6, and his mother, Anne Grady, who was visiting from Mason City, Iowa. She had seen something about Pennies From Heaven and urged her son to take her.

The family had a plastic bag of coins — both copper- and silver-colored — and some greenbacks as well.

"We're doing fine and others aren't, so why not?" Oldenburg said.

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been involved in designing a Lower Rouge trail system that opened in 2008. It includes a 3.5-mile trail connected by wooden pedestrian bridges from Canton Center to the I-275 Metro Trail.

The latest trail news comes just two years after the Lower Rouge trail was expanded to connect to Flodin and Griffin neighborhood parks. LaJoy said the

trail system "has been a great success and has proven to be a considerable asset to the community."

Faas said the section between I-275 and Hannan will add two more pedestrian bridges to the trail and also include a pedestrian crossing on Lotz Road.

In all, Canton now has about 12 miles of recreation trails, Public Works Director Bob Belair said. He was among the township officials who more than a decade ago began drafting plans for a trail system.

Long term, Canton officials say the Lower Rouge trail could potentially be extended further east into Wayne and also west to Cherry Hill Village.

Aside from boosting Canton's recreation offerings, the Lower Rouge trail has a practical use, too. It closely parallels a sanitary sewer main and, therefore, provides better access for maintenance purposes.

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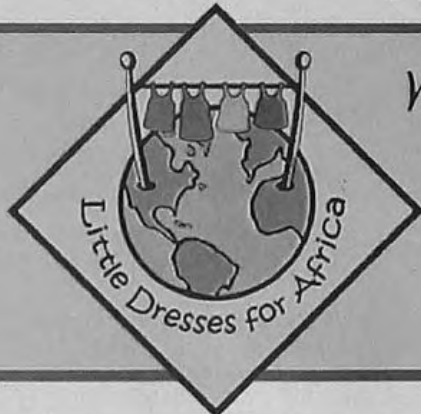


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KRISTAN RODWELL
"Alien" color guard member Abigail Zygmunt during the Great Lakes Invitational competition hosted by PCMB.

Visiting bands compete in Great Lakes Invite

Kim Ward
Correspondent

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosted the Great Lakes Invitational on Saturday at Canton High School.

The GLI is an annual competition and celebration of the dedication and effort of thousands of high school students from across Michigan. There were nine bands competing, including Novi, Southgate Anderson, Farmington Harrison, South Lyon, Wyandotte Roosevelt, Milford, Livonia Franklin, Hazel Park and Adrian.

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band did not compete, but put on an exhibition performance of its show, "E.X.O.," an out-of-this-world show about what happens when alien nations meet for the first time. It features music by Aaron Copland.

In Michigan, competing marching bands are divided into flights based upon enrollment. The winner in Flight III competition (680-1,122 students) was Hazel Park, with a score of 84.80. Hazel Park also captured the awards for Best Music Performance, Best Visual Performance and Best General Effect.

In Flight II competition (1,123-1,703 students) Southgate Anderson came in first place with a score of 89.175 and captured the awards for Best Music Performance, Best Visual Performance and Best General Effect.



KRISTAN RODWELL
Trumpets and baritones perform at the Great Lakes Invitational at Canton High School.

mance, Best Visual Performance and Best General Effect.

In Flight I competition (more than 1,704 students) Novi took first place with a score of 92.150 captured the awards for Best Music Performance, Best Visual Performance and Best General Effect.

In addition to the competition, seventh- and eighth-grade middle school band members from the Plymouth-Canton school district performed *The Star Spangled Banner* with the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

Season winds down

Next up for PCMB is a competition Saturday, Oct. 31, at neighboring Livonia Franklin High School.

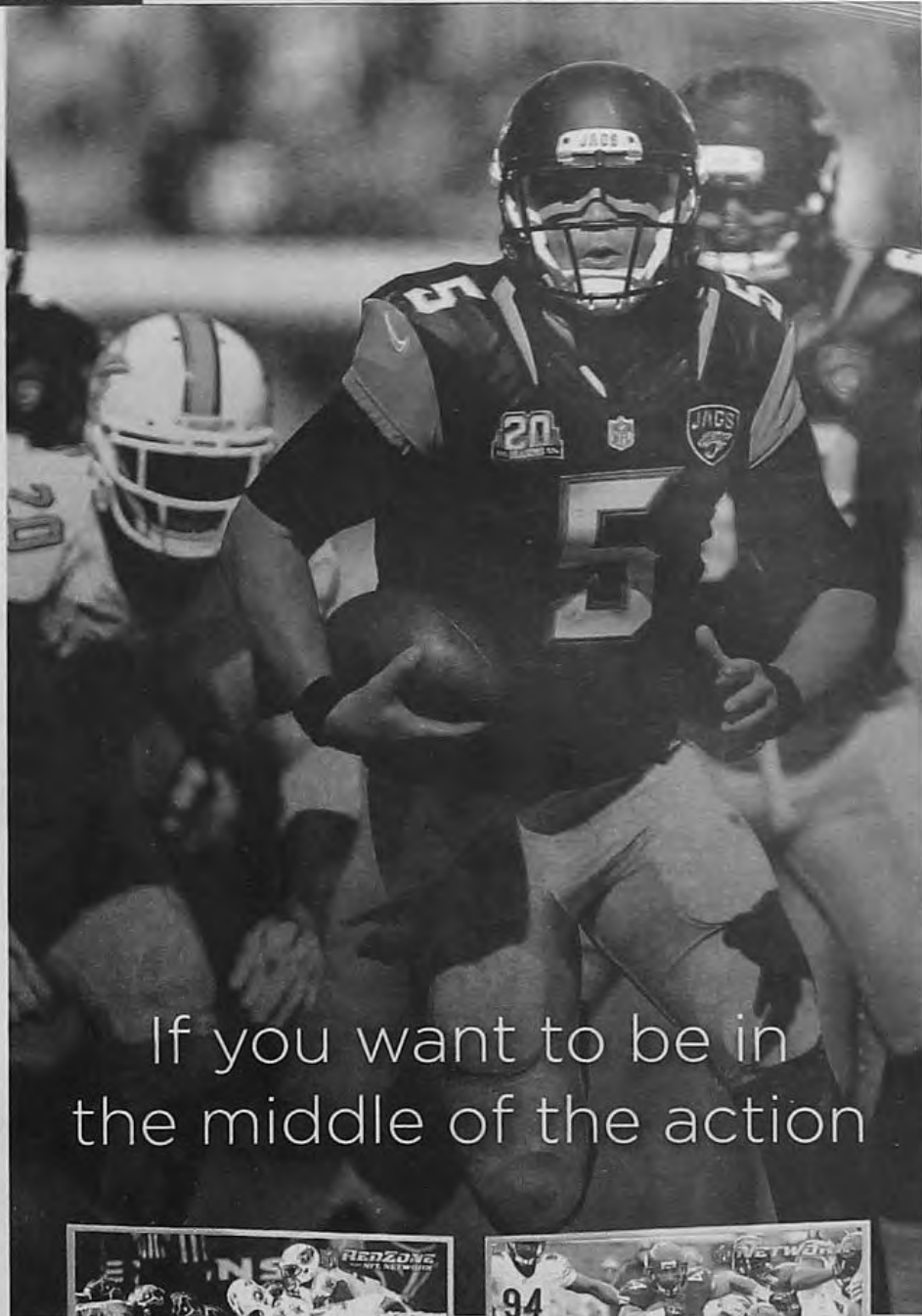
The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competitive season runs from September through November, although

preparation begins early in May. The rehearsal schedule is rigorous, with the band sometimes putting in more than 60 hours a week during the summer.

The marching band can be seen throughout the fall performing at various local competitions and Friday night home football games at P-CEP. It will close the competitive season Nov. 7 at the Michigan Competing Band Association's state championships at Ford Field, where it has been Flight I champion 24 times and is defending champion.

The band has a decade-long legacy of excellence that has garnered many awards and accolades. It will perform on the global stage Jan. 1 in Pasadena, Calif., at the 127th annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

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said.

Elle's 11 and Hagmann, a retired teacher, has done the program for eight years. "All I have to do is get my tote bag out and her leash" and Elle's ready to go, Hagmann said. On Oct. 26, Elle wore a sporty Halloween scarf.

Hagmann also does the program once a week for students at an elementary school in the Farmington Public

Schools district. That's a bit different, as the same kids read once a week a whole marking period, compared to the once a month sessions at the Plymouth District Library.

"Elle is very busy," said Lauren Baker, PDL youth librarian. "I think parents like it because it helps their child. They can go in and read and improve."

Children read to Elle material of their choice and don't worry about being judged by peers, Baker said.

The Reading Educa-

tion Assistance Dog visits the Plymouth library, 223 S. Main, at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, with breaks for Christmas and Memorial Day.

"We've been doing it more than five years," Baker said of the certified reading education assistance dogs. There's a waiting list for the sessions and parents should call the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 5, or online at www.plymouth-library.org to sign up.

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Canton kids use TV segment to teach fire safety

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Their moment of fame began when they made a television appearance to demonstrate the importance of smoke detectors and how to safely escape a burning home.

That, in turn, earned them a ride in a fire truck to a small party hosted by Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Canton to celebrate a film segment they made with Canton Fire Chief Joshua Meier on WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

It has been a whirlwind month for Lexi LaFever, 6, brother Gavin, 8, and parents Jon and Heidi LaFever of Canton as their family's TV close-up was used to educate the public during Fire Prevention Week.

"It was fun for us as a fam-

ily to watch it," said Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation and facilities supervisor. "It was a blast."

Channel 4 had put out feelers for a local family and had a contact in Canton who knew the LaFever family. A news crew filmed as Lexi and Gavin, after falling asleep, had to react to smoke alarms.

They used their TV stint to push for smoke detectors in homes and to show how to stay close to the floor and go for the door if a fire erupts inside a house.

Their performance earned them sweet treats at Menchie's and certificates given to them during the party by Firefighter Brian Switzer and Capt. Nick Lombardi.

Canton Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein said fire safety is an important message

because Michigan ranks fifth in the nation in fire deaths, with 90 fire-related fatalities already reported this year.

Canton has had one fire death this year; a woman died in January when fire swept through a mobile home where smoke detectors were not working.

Stoecklein said residents should change the batteries in their smoke detectors as clocks roll back one hour at 2 a.m. Nov. 1. He said they should be changed again in March when daylight saving time returns.

Stoecklein also said smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old should be replaced.

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Lexi and Gavin LaFever hold the certificates they received from Firefighter Brian Switzer and Capt. Nick Lombardi

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Teen accused of setting fire, vandalizing home

A Canton teen accused of starting a fire in his own home and ransacking it while his mother was away has been turned over to Wayne County juvenile authorities.

Police say he may have done it to cover up that he was smoking.

Police went to the home on East Franklin Drive after a 14-year-old boy called about 5 p.m. Oct. 20 to report a stove fire that started after a plastic dish tub was placed on a hot burner, a police report said. Police said a break-in was initially implied after an upstairs window screen had been removed and placed on the floor.

The fire had been doused before the fire authorities arrived, but an investigation revealed other damage: Papers had been placed in two piles in an upstairs room and set afire. Boxes in the basement had been ransacked and ashes from burnt paper were found on the floor along with the

boy's backpack, wallet and identification. A flat-screen TV was on the first floor with shoe prints on the screen. A large keyboard had been removed from its stand and placed on the floor. A child's chemistry set was scattered. A lamp had been tipped over.

The teen's mother — whom he had called before he phoned police to report the fire — arrived home and told police that her laptop computer also was missing, but it was found in the basement, where it had been smashed.

The teen initially denied causing any of the problems, including the fire. But a police report said he later admitted it and said he started the fire to conceal that he had been smoking.

Workplace harassment

Police went to a Canton business, Poof Slinky, on Haggerty south of Ford, amid reports two men got into a dispute after one of them harassed a mutual female co-worker.

A 47-year-old man told police he argued with another male worker, 33, who had been inappropriately touching a 30-year-old female employee. The older male told the younger man to leave the woman alone, causing him to become upset, a police report said.

The woman told police the male aggressor made her feel uncomfortable, but said she hadn't reported his behavior to the manager because she wanted to keep her job. Police spoke with the manager, who said he would handle the situation. Authorities also advised the woman to report any further activity to the manager.

Patio vandalism

A 62-year-old woman returned to her home in the 8200 block of Endicott, northeast of Warren and Napier, to find her patio furniture had been vandalized sometime during a five-day period ending Oct. 21.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Township hotel lot hit by vehicle burglaries

Three vehicles in the parking lot of a Plymouth Township hotel were broken into and burglarized Friday night.

The burglaries took place at the Hilton Garden Inn, on Sheldon at M-14, between about 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Plymouth Township Police Department reports indicated.

An in-dash stereo/navigation system was stolen from each of the vehicles — a Jeep Grand Cherokee, a Ford Expedition and a Chrysler Town & Country — the reports said. In each case, police said, a window on the vehicle had been broken.

Doughnuts, disorderly

A disturbance at a township doughnut shop led to a disorderly conduct report early Sunday, but the complainant told police he didn't want to press charges.

The incident occurred at the Dunkin' Donuts on Ann

Arbor Road, where police were dispatched shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday on a report of a fight. There were no reports of injuries; two women involved had left in a blue Ford Taurus before police arrived, a police report said.

A male employee told police that two women in the shop had been loud and that he had been trying to quiet them when they became aggressive, provoked him to come out from behind the counter, then pushed him into an automatic teller machine.

Police found the women, in a blue Taurus, on northbound I-275 shortly after the incident was reported and pulled over the driver. The women said the employee had been hostile to them and had used racial slurs, a police report said.

The races of the people involved were redacted in the police report.

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Canton businesses see economic uptick

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton businesses — some hiring new workers — appear bullish on the local economy as recession worries increasingly are becoming just a bitter memory.

Chantia Thompson, owner of Canton-based Magnificent Maids, is hiring and expanding her five-employee company, which cleans homes across much of metro Detroit.

"We get a lot of people like moms and dads who both work and have four children. They need the extra help," she said. "We take some of the stress off of them."

Magnificent Maids was among 65 companies making a sales pitch as hundreds of potential customers turned out Oct. 22 for Consumer Expo — an event that showcases Canton companies amid hopes of stimulating the local economy.

Thomas Paden, Canton Chamber of Commerce president, said the four-hour event inside the Summit on the Park had a higher level of enthusiasm than it did when the economy seemed more fragile.

"I definitely feel like there's a different energy in the room this year," Paden said. "There's a different vibe."

Debbie and Dennis Woodman, owners of D&D Woodman Travel Services, said business has spiked since they started out in 2008.

"People are tired of staying home," Debbie Woodman said. "Grandparents are taking their kids and grandkids on trips. A lot of people are planning trips to the Caribbean. They're booking now for the winter."

Dennis Woodman said travelers who stayed home during the recession also are choosing river cruises to places such as the Rhine.

"Europe is still the hottest spot for river cruises," he said.

Laura Przybylo, banquet manager for Katherine's Catering, was among those attracting foodies to her Consumer Expo booth where she served up asparagus crustini and apple bourbon meatballs.

Katherine's provides meals for luncheons and other events at the Summit and Przybylo attended the Expo to spread word of the catering and event planning that Katherine's can provide.

Across the room, Barry Boggs of Canton Brew Works had a booth to let Expo visitors know about Canton's first micro-brewery and tap room, part of Michigan's growing craft beer industry.

Boggs said he came to the Expo "to let Canton residents know we're here" in the Golden Gate shopping center, on Lilley south of Joy. Boggs also displayed T-shirts, hoodies and short-sleeve work shirts sold at Canton Brew Works.

Christa Bekker didn't have a booth for her business, Clearly You, a professional skin care center in Canton. She came to the Expo as a visitor, but said she might become involved next year.

Bekker had a tote bag where she had collected a Jimmy John's sandwich, coupons and other goodies distributed at the Expo.

"I've seen a lot of clients and people I do business with," she said.

Paden has said the event is a way to link businesses and potential customers. Rather than selling their wares at the Expo, local companies sought to provide enough information to make customers want to visit their stores.

Even some charitable organizations got involved. Canton Lions sought to recruit new members for their efforts to help people who have vision issues or are hearing-impaired.

"We're here to tell



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shirley Auty, administrator with Forever After Productions, is dressed for "A Christmas Carol," a production coming soon to Canton.

people what Lionism is all about," said John Anthony, a township trustee and Lions Club member.

The event was sponsored by the chamber and the Canton Downtown Development Authority and Paden said businesses were hopeful of expanding their customer base.

"Our vendors are excited about this," Paden said.

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Keep it local when you're shopping — that's the message of Consumer Expo.



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Dan Larson of Roadrunner Sports speaks with Richard and Lora Herrmann, who are relative newcomers to Canton. They found the Expo valuable for helping them learn the range of goods and services available locally.



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Miracle League trick or treat fun: Round the bases for goodies

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Kinza Luchies of Canton brought daughter Eva Luchies, 8, and son Ethan, 10, to the Miracle League of Plymouth ballfield for trick or treat fun Saturday morning.

"She loves this kind of stuff," Luchies said as the family rounded the bases to collect goodies. "She enjoys it thoroughly."

Eva, a second-grader at Cooke School in Northville, was dressed as Cinderella and drew many compliments on her light blue costume. Her brother was helping out a little sister at home sick by collecting candy.

"But half of it's going to be mine," Ethan said of his loot. He's a fifth-grader at Hulsing Elementary in Canton.

Also joining in the fun was mom Maureen Dowell of Livonia, with son Lucas Dowell, 13, an Emerson Middle School eighth-grader. Eva and Lucas are among special-needs children who play on the Miracle League of Plymouth ballfield.

Lucas was The Hulk. "We got the green gloves first and he saw the costume. He loves it," mom Maureen said of the trick or treating. "This is actually our first time trick or treating for the Miracle League, this year."

The day dawned overcast and the Miracle League president Deb Madonna, a Plymouth Township resident, was apprehensive. "We debated with the weather. How nice it's going to be determines how many people are coming," Madonna said.

Later, after trick or treating, the sun came out as costumed children and adults had an on-field parade. "We want to do something nice for the kids, make it special," Madonna said. "Rain or shine, they have a nice time."

Samantha Weid of Plymouth Township brought children Allie, 7, a Farrand Elementary second-grader, and Jake, 9, a Farrand fourth-grader. Their family volunteers with the Miracle League, including dad Jonathan, the announcer, and son Jesse Jenkins, 20, a University of Michigan-Dearborn junior who works at The Home Depot.

"He's our all-around person," Madonna said of Jenkins. "He showed up

the first day and he's been here ever since."

Added Samantha Weid, "I hope the weather holds out. It's not too bad. There's a little bit of a breeze."

Also showing up among volunteer families, in great costumes, were Drew Schaeffer, 10, and sister Sophia Schaeffer, 7, Plymouth Scholars students in fourth and first grades, respectively. Drew was in a Detroit Tigers costume, while Sophia was dressed as a Tootsie Roll.

Also in the volunteer corps were Chelsey Coleman, 24, of Ann Arbor and Mark Madonna, 26, of Ann Arbor, son of Deb and Marcel Madonna. Coleman is a student at Eastern Michigan University who does the Miracle League's Facebook page and newsletter, as well as volunteer coordinating. She also works for a Plymouth firm.

"I am Spider-Man," she said of her costume. "Mark has taught me the wonders of warm costumes. I have my running pants on underneath."

Mark, a Ninja Turtle that day, is a University of Michigan grad with an economics degree. He works in Ann Arbor with Duo Security in sales operations.

That morning, just before kids rounded the bases for their treats, Miracle League vice president Glen Kordick said, "There's some good costumes today. Fortunately the weather's cooperating." Of his duties, Kordick said "chief cook and bottle washer, whatever needs to be done."

The Halloween fun is an annual tradition several years old, as is the annual on-field Easter egg hunt. Kordick said Saturday's attendance was around 100.

One adult costume was Julie Smith's of Plymouth Township, who dressed as a pre-Vatican II nun. "No good reason, to be honest with you," a grinning Smith said of her costume as she passed out treats. She's not a Catholic grade school product.

Smith and her family have a lot of sports among their kids, which makes volunteering in the Miracle League season tough. They do the special event volunteering.

"And we've done it for



Mom Kinza Luchies of Canton with children Eva Luchies, 8, who plays at the Miracle League, and Ethan Luchies, 10. Ethan's a fifth-grader at Hulsing Elementary, sister Eva a second-grader at Cooke School.



Drew Schaeffer, 10, and Sophia Schaeffer, 7, of Plymouth are Plymouth Scholars students in fourth and first grades, respectively. He was a Detroit Tigers player and she dressed as a Tootsie Roll.

a number of years," Smith said. "It's so much fun. We don't get to volunteer at games, but we come out at Halloween and Easter."

Go to www.miracleleagueplymouth.org or

check out the Facebook page to learn more on the Miracle League of Plymouth.

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Maureen Dowell of Livonia with son Lucas Dowell, 13, who dressed as The Hulk. Lucas, who plays at the Miracle League, is an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School.

Evans touts 'new feeling,' cooperation in county

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Warren Evans offered an assessment of Wayne County government's financial problems — and progress — during a brief speech last week to a Plymouth service club.

"Wayne County: The Mess," he called it. "Or at least the mess that was," he added.

The Wayne County executive, a Democrat who took office in January, told the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth on Oct. 22 that the county's annual structural deficit of \$52 million had been corrected, that the budget for the new fiscal year is balanced and that an accumulated deficit would be erased by April. The accumulated deficit was about \$82.8 million as of Sept. 30, 2014, according to an audit for the fiscal year that ended on that date.

Evans, a former county sheriff and Detroit police chief, said more progress had been made toward solving the county's financial problems than he expected and praised cooperation by many parties.

"Just to get to that point from where we



Warren Evans, Wayne County executive since January and a former Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief, spoke Oct. 22 to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

were took a lot of heavy lifting," Evans told about 60 people at the luncheon meeting at the Court-house Grille. "There seems to be a new feeling in the county."

Evans said he was helped by a consent agreement with the state that gave him the power to impose contracts on collective bargaining units that represent

county employees. Of 15 collective bargaining units, 13 have agreed to contract terms, one contract settlement is still pending and the county imposed terms on one union, Evans said after his speech.

Some union leaders, however, have complained their memberships were forced to accept agreements they

didn't like out of fear of having tougher measures imposed on them.

Evans said he imposed pay cuts on his appointees of at least 5 percent, compared to what the last person who held each job earned, when putting together a staff early this year. His appointees, he said, are a mixture of bright young people who are perhaps not as seasoned as he'd like and veterans who've had successful careers and were willing to work for the county for less than they could earn elsewhere.

"I was able to con them — con's a bad word — con them into coming back and have fun fixing a problem," he said.

Apology for tax

Evans also apologized for the judgment levy that added nearly 1 mill — or nearly \$1 for every \$1,000 in taxable value — to the summer tax bills of all county property owners. The revenue, totaling about \$38 million according to Evans, went toward a judgment the county owed due to a payment into its pension system that was missed in 2010, before he was elected.

Evans said he spent some "sleepless nights" over imposing the one-time tax, which is allowed by state law in cases in which a court judgment must be paid, but that he feared trying to absorb the judgment without the tax would push the county over a financial cliff.

"I did what I thought was important to keep the county out of bankruptcy," Evans said.

Evans also:

» Said he plans to "step up the tempo" of fixing county roads once state lawmakers adopt a plan for more road funding that provides revenue to the county.

» Said laboratory testing has been completed on a years-long backlog of rape kits — evidence in rape cases that could be used to identify suspects — and that county Prosecutor Kym Worthy needs funding to pay for prosecuting suspects that have been identified. An additional \$1 million was allocated for that purpose earlier this month, he said.

"We are giving her the additional resources and will make sure those prosecutions get done," he said.

» Said political leaders have to shake up the organizational culture. Routine and complacency typically set in over time, he said, and leaders need to set clear goals and challenge the people who work for them.

"Governments, by and large, the bigger they are, the more it's just 'doing stuff,'" he said.

Kiwanian Jim Grutza, a Canton Township resident, later said he was impressed with Evans' straightforwardness and his report the county is making financial progress. The Kiwanis can be a "tough crowd," he said, especially for a Democrat.

"It seems like he was moving in the right direction," Grutza said. "Nobody had any stats or anything to fact-check what he was saying, but he certainly spoke a good game."

Grutza said he voted for Evans, who, he said, inherited "a real mess."

He added: "But he knew that going in."

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Reminiscing about retro candy makes Halloween even more fun

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Are you a Mike and Ike fan or more of a Slo-Poke aficionado? If retro candy's your thing, the Candy Trail store on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth has got you covered.

"This is a great shop for retro candy," said Denise Burrows of Plymouth, who stopped by on a recent Wednesday afternoon. "I like Pop Rocks and Tootsie Rolls."

Burrows also recalled the wax lips and fangs of her youth. "Those are some of my favorite Halloween ones," she said.

Halloween's not the busiest time at owner Sandi McGrew's The Candy Trail. The shop, online at www.candytrail.com, is at 942 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth and can be reached at 734-737-9338.

"They always have a story about the candy store they went to as a kid," said McGrew, a Plymouth resident. "They all remember going to the candy store as a kid and buying their candy. I think it's just something they remember from their childhood. It's just a good memory."

She finds her customers enjoy retro candy year-round, rather than just at Halloween. "The week of Halloween, I don't get kids coming in. They're out getting free candy," McGrew said.

The website list includes many favorites of the past, such as Lemonhead, Necco Wafers, Smarties, Sour Patch Kids and Zotz. McGrew said Gummi Bears, Swedish Fish, Jelly Belly beans "and even the M&Ms" are popular. "Even the little kids like them. Everybody has their favorite," she said.

One man buys five Mary Janes each day. "He must live close," McGrew said.

Of her own favorite, "Right now, I kind of like the Jelly Belly," especially Cherry and Berry Blue.

McGrew finds owning a candy store fun.

"It really is," she said. "Just watching people. And the little kids are very excited when they come in." They can buy a good amount of candy without spending much, she said.

"I do get a significant amount of adults also," McGrew said. "Although they still think it should be pennies."

Boxes from the 1950s through the 1990s are available with retro



The Whirly Pops in several sizes are a perennial favorite at The Candy Trail.

JULIE BROWN

candy. "Those people really like. It's a nice gift," she said.

Sometimes, McGrew must disappoint by telling a customer candy is no longer made. "Everyone wants the Marathon bars," she said.

Those were stopped after being made in the United Kingdom under another name. "It's got to go over the border and through customs," she said. "A lot of candy companies are buying each other out. I think it's a little bit of a tough business."

Astro Pops are also no longer available, she said.

She works with Nas-sau Candy (based in Hicksville, N.Y., with a Livonia distribution center) to stock her store, including with Mary Janes and Squirrels. Another firm, Albanese Confectionery, is based in Merrillville, Ind., and provides Gummi Bears along with chocolate peanuts and chocolate raisins.

"They're a really good company," she said. Another firm, Hammond's Candies of Denver, Colo., makes a lot of old-fashioned candy and lollipops, using beet juice rather than red dye in some lollipops for coloring.

"I try and get healthy candy if I can. Some of it, the ingredients are what they are," McGrew said.

She worked for 25 years at DTE Energy, leaving in 2001. The 9/11 attacks occurred that year, she recalled, and finding a job was difficult in the recession



Denise Burrows of Plymouth, shopping at The Candy Trail, said, "This is a great shop for retro candy."

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years.

"I really liked the retail," said McGrew, who worked some in retail to learn the ropes. "I thought, 'I'll open a candy store.' I prayed a lot and felt God leading."

She has good employees, which took a while to arrange. "It's a lot of work," she said of owning a business. "Summer is our busy time and we need more help." She hires some college students then.

"They're the ones that know the computer better," McGrew said.

The Candy Trail is open from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday and closed Monday,

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PHOENIX THEATRES

"The Force Awakens," the first film in the third "Star Wars" trilogy, is set approximately 30 years after the events of "Return of the Jedi" (1983).

Phoenix Theatres will play 'Star Wars' non-stop

The greatly anticipated *Star Wars* movie, *The Force Awakens*, hits theaters at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, to a nationwide, energetic fan base like few film series have ever known.

Phoenix Theatres will be the only known Midwest theater chain that will keep the doors open all night long, catering to those who miss out on the first showing and cannot wait another minute to see the J.J. Abrams' epic.

"For the first time in the history of Phoenix Theatres, due to the national groundswell of demand for this film and the excitement it's generated, we've decided to start at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and will keep it playing – non-stop – straight through the night, early morning hours and on into the normal rotation of show times on Friday for over 30 hours of non-stop *Star Wars* action," Phoenix Theatres President Cory Jacobson said.

"It was actually the employees who came to us, so excited about this film that they wanted to run all night with it. Our group of people are really excited about *Star Wars* and for the *Cause of the Force*, they

wanted to do this," he added.

Jacobson is also former president of the National Association of Theatre Owners of Michigan and he knows of no other movie theater in the Midwest planning to show the film for more than 30 hours and all night long.

"There are a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation going on," Jacobson said. "It is an event film that we're trying our best to present in the way Mr. Abrams would want it presented, at the highest quality level, so we're running around double-checking projectors, lamps, sound systems and all the other equipment to make sure everything is up to specifications."

Tickets may be purchased in advance at any Phoenix Theatres location or online at Phoenixmovies.net or Movietickets.com. Phoenix Theatres opened its first Detroit-area theater in 2001 and currently operates 10 screens at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, eight screens at the Mall of Monroe in Monroe and four at State-Wayne.

For more information or to take a "virtual tour," go to www.phoenixmovies.net.

Don't let Fed action affect your decisions

For more than a year, people have speculated as to when the Federal Reserve will begin to raise interest rates. Every time the Federal Reserve meets, the speculation heats up. Many of the so-called experts had predicted that September would see the rise in interest rates. That didn't happen and, as a result, the speculation is once again heating up.

The speculation is interesting and entertaining, but investors should not make decisions based upon it because the government looks at things differently.

Last week, the Federal Reserve released minutes of its September meeting. It cited a variety of issues for its decision, including the slowdown of the world economy. In addition, the Federal Reserve also mentioned it was concerned about inflation — not that inflation was too high, but too low. The Federal Reserve has a target rate of about 2



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percent for the inflation rate and, as it pointed out, it is considerably lower and a concern.

I bring this up because it is important to recognize the disconnect between government numbers and reality.

When the Federal Reserve looks at the inflation rate, it doesn't consider the same things as you and I. When the Federal Reserve says that inflation is 1-1½ percent, we can't assume that it applies to our own individual family situation.

Government numbers such as the inflation rate are meant for economists. If you assume that the government's inflation rate applies to you, but in reality your increased cost of living is more like 3-4 percent, it can cause you severe problems in the future.

Do I believe our government is evil? Of course not. However, it is important to recognize that when the government reports official numbers such as inflation, it is not meant to apply to our own individual situation.

When it comes to our own increased cost of living, the only way that you can determine it is to keep track of your expenses and compare them year to year. That will give you a good idea of your increased cost of living.

What the Federal Reserve does with interest rates, and when, is important and will have an impact on all of us. However, what will have more of an impact is to base financial decisions on your individual situation and not what is happening with interest rates or the stock market.

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Voters urged to approve Schoolcraft millage

Officials at Schoolcraft College in Livonia are asking in Tuesday's general election for an additional .06 mills for 10 years, an increase they say will allow the college to continue capital improvements, help add programs and pursue additional partnerships.

We believe the college has made a solid case for its millage request. Voters should approve the increase and keep Schoolcraft moving forward.

The college has helped hundreds of thousands of students achieve their career goals. It has delivered on its promises — keeping tuition affordable so that everyone

can take advantage of higher education.

The 10-year millage will cost homeowners an additional \$30 per year for every \$100,000 of a home's taxable value.

There are good reasons to give Schoolcraft the additional funding. First, it's been nearly three decades since the college has asked for any kind of increase, a 0.5-mill hike voters approved in 1986. Despite the stagnant funding, Schoolcraft has built solid programs, including renowned culinary and nursing programs.

But school officials say the time has come where programs and facilities will

begin to suffer with continued dwindling funds. Capital improvements and technological advances will be slowed or eliminated, making degree completion a more difficult prospect for students.

Given the college's performance over the years, approving the 0.6-mill increase would be money well spent by voters in the college district, which includes residents in the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton public school districts.

We urge voters to support the college's continued improvement. Vote **YES** Tuesday.



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Patrons enjoy some of the desserts offered at the VIP reception at a previous Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College.

Keep Halloween scares focused on costumes, decorations

For adults, shorter days, cooler weather and falling leaves announce the arrival of fall. For kids, it means the arrival of their favorite part of the season — Halloween! Whether your child is a favorite character from *Star Wars*, princess, zombie or vampire, the chance to go door to door and get free sugary snacks is an opportunity like no other.

In their frenzied state, caution may fly out the window. It's up to parents to remember to keep watch and make sure nothing goes awry, even as the evening wears on and you're getting to the end of your accompanying adult beverage as you stroll the neighborhood.

Whether you're new to the trick or treat world or an old pro, we can't stress enough the importance of quick safety reminders to make sure this Saturday is enjoyable for all.

If you have children heading out for treats, check to make sure that the store-bought costume is flame-resistant. It should be labeled. Although this does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does mean the items will resist burning and the flames should extinguish



FILE PHOTO
Just a few simple safety tips makes can make the difference in a fun or frightening Halloween.

quickly once the garment is removed from the heat source.

And before heading out, check the fit of the costume itself. Falls are the leading cause of Halloween injuries, so costumes should not drag on the ground, posing a tripping hazard.

Costumes should also be outfitted with reflective tape to make the child easier to

see after dark. If your child's costume doesn't have the reflective striping, get a roll of reflective tape at the hardware store and get creative. Any accessories that are to be carried, such as swords or knives, should be flexible to avoid injury from trips or inadvertent swings.

If you are planning to use makeup, it should be non-toxic and hypoallergenic.

Makeup on the face provides better visibility than a mask so is a safer choice, but if a mask is worn, be sure it provides good sight, which may mean you have to enlarge the eye holes.

An adult should accompany young trick or treaters Halloween night. For older children going out without parental supervision, the following tips should be followed:

- » Get the names and phone numbers of other kids in the group and the route the group will be taking.

- » Consider if your child should carry a cellphone, so he or she can reach you, if needed.

- » Establish a time for the kids to return home and ensure someone in the group has a watch.

- » Make sure there are several flashlights in the group.

- » Remind the kids to walk — don't run — on sidewalks and never dart out in the street or cross from between parked cars.

- » Only homes with an outside light on should be visited, and homes should never be entered for any reason.

- » Children should eat

before going out and be reminded not to eat any candy until it's been inspected by an adult. Treats that appear to have been opened or tampered with should not be eaten.

If you will be driving, watch for children who may pop out between parked cars. Driveways should be entered and exited with caution, as children are often excited and not paying attention.

If you will be passing out treats this year, clean up your front yard during daylight hours. Daylight often reveals hazards, such as hoses or tree branches, which can trip or injure children. Turn on your porch light so the walkway is illuminated. Candles should be avoided, but if you choose to use them, keep them well away from where trick or treaters will be walking.

Give out pre-packaged treats only. If you don't want to give out candy, items such as coins, small packages of raisins or individual servings of microwave popcorn go over well.

Hopefully, this gives you and your family a good starting point for having an injury-free Halloween.

LETTERS

Chamber supports Schoolcraft millage

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met with representatives from Schoolcraft College, reviewed the millage request and is endorsing the proposal on the Nov. 3 ballot to increase its millage by 0.6 mills.

The school provides an affordable stepping stone for many students to a four-year degree, plus it is the leader in providing training programs and certifications for many jobs that are in high-demand skilled trades. Each year, the chamber partners with Schoolcraft on initiatives to support the business community's needs to find more skilled workers.

We believe Schoolcraft is an excellent steward of its funds. It has made appropriate cuts and revenue enhancements to deal with a decrease

of \$29 million since 2008 in funding as a result of lower property values. At this time, for the school to maintain and enhance its programs, we believe it is reasonable to support its request that will expire in 10 years. The last millage increase for the college was 29 years ago.

Schoolcraft has the highest graduation/transfer rate of any community college in Michigan, at 61 percent, with 85 percent of its graduates living and working in the state. With the college having transfer agreements with 75 colleges, partnership agreements with 56 high schools and multiple business partnerships to train workers, we believe it will return substantially more value back to our community than the amount of the millage increase.

Wes Graff
president, Plymouth
Community Chamber
of Commerce

Colbeck pro-birth, not pro-life

Let's see, there's Larry, Moe, Curly, Shemp, Curly Joe and now state Sen. Pat Colbeck. That's right, Colbeck. He sent our household his "Legislative Update 2015" newsletter the other day and I always look forward to the humorous self-serving way he rewrites history to make it look like he's politically relevant.

There's a section called "The Unalienable Right to Life" where he helps spreads the lie about the Planned Parenthood video fabricated by the Center for Medical Progress so he can vilify PPH and put them out of business. It's now a well-known fact that that the video was a complete lie, edited in such a way as to shove their right wing anti-choice, anti-woman, anti-personal freedom agenda down our throats and smear PPH. And all they need is some

intellectually and or ethically challenged politicians (enter the GOP) to run with it.

The CMP has a long history of shady and unlawful behavior and ties to domestic terrorists. Here's one example: on their board sits Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue whose senior policy adviser, Cheryl Sullenger, served two years in a federal prison for planning to bomb an abortion clinic; they provided Scott Roeder with the information on where to find Dr. George Tiller. Roeder then murdered Tiller in his church. Real good job vetting CMP, Colbeck, top-notch as usual.

If Colbeck and his cronies close all PPH clinics as they want, there is no doubt in my mind good people will suffer and some will definitely die but this doesn't matter to Colbeck who likes to call himself a pro-lifer. Let's get one thing straight right here and now, Pat Colbeck is not pro life.

He's pro birth and there's a huge difference. I was reading the teachings of a Benedictine Nun, Sister Joan Chittister, and she said it perfectly of most if not all pro-lifers; their morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed or have no access to health care at all because you don't want any tax money to go to these things, that's not pro life, that's pro birth. Well said, Sister. In my eyes that sums up Colbeck and the GOP.

P.S. I meant no disrespect to the Three Stooges. They're really funny, Republicans aren't.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Looking back in thanks, looking ahead to some new adventures

I vividly recall the excitement I felt walking into my first newsroom. All that I had dreamed of filled the room — typewriters, lots of people in urgent conversations and lots of stuff.

Over these past decades, the technology has changed dramatically. Newsrooms have crossed over into the universe of social media, computer networks and remote work sites. These changes have



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enhanced journalists' ability to cover more news, more rapidly and to reach a wider audience than ever imagined when I first began my career as a journalist.

But the aspect I cherish the

most remains the same. Journalists have a unique place in the community. We are the connectors and conveners of the many and diverse populations.

On any given day, we experience the wonders of how a community interacts, how people serve, how they help one another. We help our readers celebrate their victories and mourn their losses.

America is a country of storytellers. This is how we learn and grow and build trusting relationships. In community journalism, we collaborate with local readers so they can tell the stories that are meaningful to them.

These stories are built on the foundation of accomplishments big and small. But we understand as community journalists that each story is equally important to the indi-

viduals involved.

Through the years, some of these stories have brought tears to my eyes, others made me laugh and still others made me proud that I was able to help the community resolve a problem, settle a controversy and move on to a better future.

I cherish most the relationships and friendships I have experienced over the years. So many kindnesses have been shown, so many confidences shared. I just can't think of another profession that would have offered such opportunities day after day, lasting for decades.

Today is my final column, as I move on to the next chapter in my life. To say that I will miss my work and the relationships that surround that work is an understatement. I certainly will. And I certainly want to thank community

members and co-workers who have made this such a rewarding career.

Fortunately, I learned an important lesson from my parents, who taught me the importance of letting go and moving on to the next life installment — no regrets. This transition reminds me of something actor Jeremy Irons said: "We all have our time machines. Some take us back. They are called memories. Some take us forward. They are called dreams."

I have fulfilled my dream of being a journalist and it is a pleasant memory. Now I move on to that next dream — yet to be fulfilled.

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Madonna online learning program helps rebuild Haiti

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Metro Detroiters live just a short drive from many accredited universities offering a wide range of degrees. And despite complaints about Detroit roads, at least they're passable.

In the Caribbean country of Haiti, which was struck by a massive earthquake Jan. 12, 2010, there are few universities and none with U.S.-comparable programs. Haiti also has many impassable roads, problems with electricity, climate challenges, widespread poverty and political subterfuge standing in the way of students seeking degrees.

Enter Madonna University's Haiti Education Leadership Program, or HELP — a three-year online bachelor's administration program with a community leadership certificate for Haiti citizens. Founded in 2011 by Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, the former president of Madonna University who retired earlier this year, the program boasts two graduating classes of about 25 Haitian graduates each, plus about 15 or more students are expected to graduate this May.

The program ties into the Felician Sisters of North America's mission of providing assistance in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, with the aim of creating Haitian leaders who will ultimately improve their country. "It sounds cliché, but you help one person at a time," said Donald Conrad, associate professor of business law and economics at Madonna, who helped found the program.

HELP is open to English-speaking Haitians who have Internet access and who are high achievers, Conrad explained. The candidates apply and

are screened by a Madonna University liaison and are then interviewed in Haiti by Conrad and other HELP committee members. Some 50 people may come from all over Haiti to Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital, where interviews take place. It can be a challenge in itself just to travel across the country, Conrad noted.

Merging two cultures

Haiti couldn't be more different from the United States. The climate is hot, there's widespread poverty and corruption in government, electricity is not reliable and the roads are narrow and sometimes impassable.

The average annual wage is \$300 to \$600, said Paul DeNapoli, Madonna's director of Fire Science, Emergency Management and Occupational Safety & Environmental Health. DeNapoli a retired Livonia firefighter, attended Livonia Franklin High School with Conrad and now works with him on Madonna's HELP committee.

"The poverty is oppressive, the heat is oppressive, everything's oppressive," Conrad said. "But the people are as friendly and as positive as can be. Nobody complains."

"The challenges to these students are extremely high," Conrad said, explaining that students have family crises and work commitments that sometimes get in the way of their school work.

The upshot of these challenges is that many Haitians have a hard time fitting into structured, deadline-driven American academics. Many of them lose contact with professors while dealing with medical issues or family problems and it can be



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difficult to keep them on track to graduate, DeNapoli said.

The future of HELP

The HELP program is now in its fifth year and Madonna University is committed to continuing it. Many organizations go to Haiti, provide some assistance and leave, DeNapoli noted, but Madonna wants to build a sustainable program.

Madonna is looking for benefactors to assist with tuition costs — students are asked to pay about \$200 per semester, but that's nowhere near

the cost of administering the program — as well as program alumni to donate their time and talents. The goal is to form an alumni association Madonna can tap for program recruiting and possibly financial sponsorship, so that the university can break even on administration costs.

"The goal would be that the program would take off on its own," DeNapoli said. There may even come a time when alumni can teach some of the courses, he said.

Madonna also has its

eye on hospitality and tourism in Haiti — a budding industry for the Caribbean nation as it rebuilds after the earthquake. The university would like to begin a hospitality and tourism degree program and has had discussions with the Port-au-Prince Marriott Hotel about a partnership.

In the meantime, Conrad and DeNapoli continue to travel to Haiti a couple of times a year to interview candidates and look into opportunities for expanding the program. They also look forward to May, when the Haitian students travel to the United States for graduation.

Conrad enjoys getting the group together for a barbecue at his house, but as the program continues and graduating classes become larger, he may need to find another venue, he said. Either way, he enjoys getting the students together, hearing their stories and wondering what they'll do next.

Community leadership

Because the HELP program is designed to foster Haitian leaders who will build a stronger nation, the students' final

leadership course includes a community service internship.

Haitian students have chosen everything from working on chicken farms to teaching kids how to play basketball to working on gender equality and human rights. Most students report that the experience made them want to do more community service and to encourage more of it among fellow students.

"It was an opportunity for us to see how we can help our country moving forward and we will encourage other people to start doing community service," one student wrote in a report.

"Regardless of their field of studies, I believe all students at the university should perform a service learning project," another wrote. "It is a culture that I want to teach as well in my community, as schools in Haiti do not really encourage community work."

Conrad is impressed with the students' resilience in the face of challenges and foresees them changing Haiti for the better. "I always say that I wouldn't be surprised if a (HELP) graduate is president of Haiti one day," he said.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Ready for an encore

Canton-Stevenson, Plymouth-Northville both repeat match-ups

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's a case of déjà vu for the Canton and Plymouth varsity boys football teams.

Just two weeks after meeting in KLAA crossover tilts, the Chiefs (7-2) will host Livonia Stevenson (6-3) at 7 p.m. Friday in a Division 1 district opener. On Oct. 16, Canton routed the Spartans by a 49-7 score.

Also renewing acquaintances from a Week 8 match-up are the Wildcats (6-3) and undefeated Northville (9-0), which will host the game at 7 p.m. Friday. On Oct. 16, the Mustangs rode a strong performance from quarterback Justin Zimbo to derail Plymouth, 23-20, in the Kensington Conference title game.

Of course, both Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler and Plymouth's Mike Sawchuk aren't

putting too much stock in those earlier results when it comes to preparing for the start of the second season — when anything can happen.

"The key factors are what will they do differently on defense the second time around," Baechler said. "But we have seen and practiced against pretty much everything underneath the sun."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

This scene from Week 8 could be repeated Friday. Canton's Jared Stephens (right) breaks off a big gainer against Livonia Stevenson.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



Salem freshman cross country runners (from left) Luke Jakubik, Shane McKimmy and Luke Haran are among an outstanding class of ninth-graders at the Park.

SALEM ATHLETICS

SUDDEN IMPACT

Seven ninth-graders from P-CEP teams break 18-minute mark, display big-time potential

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Look out, here come the youngsters — fast, furious and full of potential — and it means the boys cross country programs at the Park could soon enjoy simultaneous dominance.

En route from middle school programs in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the current batch of freshmen at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools is making a historic splash.

The proof is in the statistics. Seven first-year runners from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this season have cracked the coveted 18-minute barrier.

That impressive list includes Canton's Braden Heimbaugh and Daniel Jimenez; Plymouth's Brandon Boyd and Jarrett Warner; and Salem's Luke Haran, Shane McKimmy and Luke Jakubik. Boyd's rookie sea-



CANTON ATHLETICS

Freshmen (from left) Braden Heimbaugh and Daniel Jimenez are sparking the 2015 Canton Chiefs.

son isn't over yet and he's already broken the Wildcats' school record for freshmen, set last year by Ethan Byrnes.

"It has been a very good year for young talent at the Park," Rocks boys cross

country coach Steve Aspinall said. "Only 15 (Salem) runners have broken 18 minutes since 1984, so to have three in one season is pretty remarkable."

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FAST FROSH

Brandon Boyd, Plymouth: His PR of 16:52.1, set at the 31st annual Gabriel Richard Invitational, broke the school's previous freshman mark, set last year by Ethan Byrnes.

Luke Haran, Salem: He broke the 18-minute mark with room to spare Oct. 10 when he finished the Wayne County Championships in 17:29.1.

Braden Heimbaugh, Canton: At the recent Kensington Conference meet, Heimbaugh cruised to a time of 17:49.4.

Daniel Jimenez, Canton: Right on Heimbaugh's heels at the conference meet was Jimenez, who finished in 17:52 to help the Chiefs finish in fourth place.

Luke Jakubik, Salem: Jakubik finished with a time of 17:55.5 at the Kensington Conference meet.

Shane McKimmy, Salem: Closely trailing teammate Jakubik at the conference meet was McKimmy, with his PR of 17:55.8.

Jarrett Warner, Plymouth: Warner also broke the 18-minute mark at the Gabriel Richard Invite, with a time of 17:56.7.

USA HOCKEY

Young team shows off some spunk

NTDP U-17 icers rally in loss, gear up for World Challenge

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The second of back-to-backs against the top team in the United States Hockey League figured to be quite a test for USA Hockey NTDP's Under-17 team.

U17 coach Don Granato also had a short bench for Saturday night's game against the Lincoln Stars at USA Hockey Arena, what with several injuries and others resting for an important international tournament in British Columbia, Canada.

So Granato was thrilled that his makeshift lineup fought back from a two-goal deficit in the third period and forced overtime. Unfortunately, the Stars gained the second point with a goal by Grant Jozefek just 26 seconds into the extra session.

"I liked that we were able to come back from being down," Granato said. "To get an opportunity to potentially win it in overtime and obviously get a point out of it when you're down two going into the third (is big)."

Carrying the load was the line of center Scott Reedy, left wing Evan Barratt and right wing Logan Hutsko. Reedy and Barratt each scored two goals, with Hutsko earning two assists.

"They were very, very confident," Granato said about Reedy and Barratt. "I thought Hutsko was great tonight, too. Those three guys, their confidence and their ability to execute under pressure, for a U17 group ... that line was very impressive."

Barratt said he clicked almost instantly with Reedy and Hutsko in the contest, adding that Saturday's game was the first time

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RENA LAVERY | USA HOCKEY

Scott Reedy leads the celebratory charge after scoring a goal Saturday for the U17s.

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PREP FOOTBALL

ROAD WARRIORS SHOW METTLE

Long journey for Week 9 game has sweet payoff as Chiefs prevail in Illinois

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

If the Canton Chiefs had a collective chip on their shoulder from needing to travel all the way to Galesburg, Ill., for their Week 9 opponent, they

left it out on the field — hammering the home team, 35-14, Saturday afternoon. From the opening kickoff, Canton set the tone, outgaining Galesburg 469-193 for the game and building commanding leads of 21-7 at halftime

and 35-7 in the third quarter. Running back Markus Sanders once again was a force for Canton (7-2). He gained 167 yards in 16 carries and opened the scoring just 3:11 into the contest on a 56-yard run. Also helping move the chains were running backs Jared Stephens (14 carries, 81 yards), Julian Thornton (12 carries, 69 yards) and Jakob Wickens (four carries, 41 yards).

Quarterback Jake O'Donnell orchestrated the offense, rushing for 47 yards on five carries and tossing a 57-yard TD to Stephens, who also scored on a pair of runs (from 7 and 5 yards). The biggest play of the game for the Chiefs was a 96-yard kickoff return by Colin Troup. He took the kickoff to open the second half and nearly went the length of the grid-

iron. Helping the cause with five extra points was Ben Tubaro. Meanwhile, the Canton defense was hitting throughout the game, with Lou Baechler (14 solo tackles) and Stephens (11 assists) leading the charge. "The trip was excellent," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "The kids had a blast and I think it did bring us together even more."

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"We will adjust if needed, but it still comes down to pad level and leg drive and finishing blocks." Baechler — who said his team's 450-mile trek to Galesburg, Ill., for the regular season finale (a 35-14 win) brought the team "together even more" — expects the Spartans coaching staff to come up with some new wrinkles in trying for a more-competitive outcome.

"My gut says they will throw more, especially the short stuff," Baechler said. "Hitches, slants and the screen game. We are working hard at recognizing those things and getting our guys exactly where they need to be."

"I also think they will try to run outside more than they did last time. But again, it really comes down to getting off blocks, tackling and making plays when the ball is thrown deep."

The Wildcats, meanwhile, remember how the Mustangs walked into Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and walked out with the Kensington Conference trophy.

A touchdown run by Zimbo with 1:11 to play cost Plymouth the title. Last week, with a lineup depleted by injuries, the Wildcats were handily defeated by host Waterford Mott.

"Hopefully, we get some kids back from injury this week," Sawchuk said. "We will need to be at full strength to compete."

Sawchuk acknowledged that Zimbo is a player to be reckoned with.

"Northville's offense runs through their QB," Sawchuk said. "He's a good player. We have to limit big plays by not getting outflanked or letting a



MICHAEL VASILNEK

One of Plymouth's key players entering Friday's pre-district contest is senior running back Cameron Stella.

PLAYOFF SKED

Livonia Stevenson (6-3) at Canton (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday, P-CEP turf field. Previous meeting: Oct. 16, Canton 49, Stevenson 7. Plymouth (6-3) at Northville (9-0), 7 p.m. Friday. Previous meeting: Oct. 16, Stevenson 23, Plymouth 20.

receiver run free in the secondary."

He added that Plymouth's offensive line "needs to step up and be a force this week in

order to win. It should be a fun game to watch."

Meanwhile, Baechler said the Chiefs "match up very well" on the line of scrimmage

against Stevenson.

"(The Spartans) are big up front on offense, but our quickness should help us," Baechler said. "At least it did in the first game. They are not that big up front on defense but, again, it's about us, not our opponents."

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Livonia Stevenson (6-3) at Canton (7-2)

Farmington Harrison (7-2) at Birmingham Groves (9-0)

Livonia Churchill (5-4) at Jackson (7-2)

Farmington (5-4) at Livonia Franklin (6-3)

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Last week's record

Season record

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Northville	Northville	Northville
Canton	Canton	Canton
Harrison	Harrison	Groves
Churchill	Jackson	Churchill
Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
12-3	8-7	10-5
92-25	83-34	76-41

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they skated as a unit.

"We have four guys injured so we're playing with 10 forwards and then Brady Tkachuk got injured in the second period," he said. "So we had a shortened bench with three lines."

"I played with Reedy and Logan Hutsko the whole game and we figured it out. It was pretty awesome."

The Stars, also 3-2 winners over Team USA, came out smoking with two goals in the first six minutes along with a wide margin in shots. Jozefek and Dominick Mersch sent pucks past U17 goalie Adam Scheel.

But the U17s got both of those goals back before the end of the first period to make it 2-2.

Just before the midway point of the period, a failed clearing attempt by the Stars landed on Reedy's stick and he went top shelf from above the circles.

In the final two minutes of the period, Hutsko centered a pass from below the left circle over to Barratt for a back-door tap-in at the right post.

The Stars went back up 3-2 early in the second on Sam Kauppilo's goal and it was a 4-2 game with 3:16 remaining in the period.

Ethen Frank broke in off the right wing, only to be stymied by Scheel. The rebound bounced to Adam Brady, who buried it.

After the second period, Granato encouraged his team to get back to the basics for the final 20 minutes and it quickly paid dividends.

At 3:03, on the power play, Barratt jammed in his own rebound. Setting him up with another nifty pass was Reedy.

The U17s struck again with the extra man just past the midway point of the third, when Hutsko set up Reedy for a one-timer taken from below the right circle. Barratt also assisted.

Those goals capped off a surge where Team USA out-shot Lincoln 14-2. Jacob Tortora nearly put the home team in front for the first time, only to be denied by Stars goalie Patrik Virtanen.

With the overtime loss, Team USA fell to 3-3-1-1 in the USHL (with the record including games played by the Under-18 team). Lincoln improved to 8-1-0-0.



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Lincoln Stars defenseman Dylan Woolf (left) breaks the stick of NTDP U17 player Evan Barratt with this check Saturday night. At right is Barratt's linemate, Scott Reedy.

World Challenge

Meanwhile, Granato and his players are looking forward to the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, to take place over the next couple of weeks beginning with an exhibition game Friday night against the Canada Red Team.

"That's our biggest event of the year," Granato said. "That will be the first time we see

Russia, Finland, Sweden, Czech, Germany, Canada — their national teams within our age group.

"It's the first event for the U17 level, internationally, so our focus is for that event. We held a couple guys out of the lineup tonight."

Following the Oct. 30 exhibition game at Encana Events Centre, the U17s will compete in four round-robin games.

Then there will be a quarterfinal, semifinal and final.

"It's an eight-day event, so you're playing six games in eight or nine nights," Granato said. "It will be a measuring stick for us."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Shamrocks post easy victory over Cowboys

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Staff Writer

The regular season is over and now the fun begins for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central football team.

The playoff-bound Shamrocks (7-2) put a bow on their regular season Oct. 22 with a 47-12 victory over visiting Detroit Western International.

Catholic Central jumped out to a 14-0 first quarter lead on the Cowboys as freshman quarterback Austin Brown hit Jack Morris on a 6-yard touchdown pass with 4:14 left, followed by Nicholas Capatina's 7-yard TD run with 15 seconds to go (set up by lineman Nicholas Bazany's interception).

The Shamrocks added four more scores in the second quarter to take a commanding 41-0 halftime advantage and start a running clock in the second half.

Alex Bock returned a Western punt 53 yards for a TD, while Carson Kovath, the Shamrocks' top rusher on the night with 66 yards on nine carries, added an 11-yard TD run.

Bock scored his second touchdown of the second quarter on a 17-yard run to make it 35-0 with 4:22 to play in the half following Cole Gingell's fifth straight point-after.

Kovath's 4-yard scoring run with just under a minute remaining put CC up 41-0 (the PAT was blocked).

In the third quarter, CC's Benjamin Vitek scored on a 7-yard run to make it 47-0 lead (the kick failed).

Western quarterback Jaye Patrick, who completed 8-of-30 passes for 110 yards, recovered a CC fumble and raced 76 yards for a TD with 6:45 left in the final quarter to avert the shutout. (The Shamrocks' Philip Schmitz picked off a pass on the two-point conversion attempt.)

Patrick then connected with K'Lari Sweeney on the final play of the game, a 3-yard TD pass, to complete the scoring.

The Shamrocks enjoyed a big advantage in total offense, 264-116, and first downs, 13-6.



Plymouth's (from left) Jarrett Warner and Brandon Boyd have both had a record-breaking start to their prep cross country career.

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Those seven ninth-graders are bolstering rosters from the get-go, helping their new teams to success. Both Salem and Canton were in the running for the recent Wayne County and Kensington Conference championships. The Division 1 regional is Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston. And more young athletes are on the way from Discovery, East, Liberty, Pioneer and West middle schools. "The middle school program is in its ninth year now and has definitely generated a lot of interest in the sport," said Bryan Boyd, coach of the first-year program at Liberty, whose boys and girls teams prevailed in the recent middle school meet involving all five P-CCS teams. "This year, over 500 kids ran at the middle school level."

Hooked sooner

According to Boyd, youngsters are "getting exposed at an earlier age and are figuring out that they enjoy cross country. Talented runners are also being identified at an earlier age." "In my opinion, one of the major reasons for the drop in times for ninth-graders is the creation and development of the middle school cross country program," Aspinall said. "For many years, incoming (freshmen) had no idea what cross country was." Now they do and a lot of the credit goes to the man who oversees the sprawling middle school program that now is yielding so many standout runners. "Since the middle school programs have been created, our freshman numbers have drastically increased and my team numbers have increased as well," Aspinall notesaid. "This year, we have 50 guys on the team; 14 of them are freshmen. "Paul Bedford ... has played an instrumental role in the middle school programs and we are thankful for his work." Concurring with Aspinall are his Park coaching counterparts, Canton's Bill Boyd and Plymouth's Jon Mikosz. "I completely agree with Steve," Bill Boyd said. "Canton has had 18 freshmen break 18 minutes since 1984 and four of them are on the current team. "We cannot thank Paul Bedford enough for his tireless (and thankless) efforts



Plymouth Athletics
Plymouth freshman Brandon Boyd already is in the team record books thanks to his PR of 16:52.1.



Canton Athletics
Canton freshman Braden Heimbaugh is making a big splash this season.



Canton Athletics
Canton's Daniel Jimenez broke the 18-minute mark at the recent Kensington Conference meet.

with the middle school program." Mikosz — who ran for Bedford at Canton — said it "is a great asset to the community and the high school programs" that his former coach is in charge of middle school cross country. **Higher ceiling** He added another element to the surge in cross country talent. "A lot has to do with the middle school program," Mikosz said. "But I also think that there are a lot more opportunities for guys to run in college and even get some scholarships to do so. "There are a lot more opportunities then when I was in high school." Aspinall brought up another

reason for the new wave in cross country. "Ninth-graders have seen an increase in success because cross country is a great equalizer," Aspinall said. "Runners come in all shapes and sizes and incoming ninth-graders do not physically have to match up against 17- and 18-year-old seniors like they might in a contact sport like football or basketball. "Each year, I typically have a small handful of freshmen who earn their varsity letters and are some of the first at the Park to wear a varsity jacket. Success breeds success and cross country has been a prime example of that."

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CHRIS WISNIEWSKI
The Motor City Warriors freshman travel basketball team, made up almost entirely of Plymouth and Canton residents, won its final six games to capture the Junior Varsity Division championship in the Maximum Potential Fall Basketball League that is hosted annually by Saline High School. Team members include (front row, from left) Quinn Yun (Canton), Ben Wright (Canton), Devon Wisniewski (Plymouth) and Jackson Ewers (Canton) and (back row, from left) Liam Radomski (Canton), Ryan Berger (Plymouth), Ben Dierker (Salem) and Jason Cantrell (Livonia Stevenson).

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Six-game winning streak leads Warriors to title

The Motor City Warriors travel basketball team saved its best for last during the recent Maximum Potential Fall Basketball League hosted by Saline High School. Although the team consists exclusively of high school freshmen, the Warriors captured first place in the league's Junior Varsity Division by reeling off a six-game winning streak to end the season. In Sunday's JV semifinal playoff game, the Warriors defeated Team Overlooked, 57-42, thanks to a balanced attack that was paced by Liam Radomski (16 points, 11 rebounds), Ben Wright (12 points, five assists), Ryan Berger (11 points, three blocked shots) and Jason Cantrell (eight points). Cantrell also locked down the opponents' biggest scoring threat on the defensive end of the court. Warriors guards Jackson Ewers (four steals), Quinn Yun (six points) and Devon Wisniewski (four assists, two steals) were high-energy players at both ends of the court, while Ben Dierker was a rebounding/defensive standout against Team Overlooked, which had handed the Warriors two of their three regular-season setbacks. The Warriors fell behind Hartland JV, 20-12, late in the first half of the championship game before rallying to win a tension-packed 54-51 decision when Wright swished a 3-point shot with 0:01 left. Wisniewski was the catalyst of a late first-half comeback for the Warriors, who led 24-21 at the break after the Plymouth High School freshman sank two free throws with no time on the clock. The Warriors started the season 3-3 before piecing together the championship-clinching streak.

PREP GIRLS SWIMMING

DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 97 SALEM 89 Oct. 22 at Salem 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Katie Xu, Linda Zhang, Patricia Freitag, Jenna Chen), 1:53.94; D1; 2. Northville (Darby Mroz, Erin Szara, Brittany Nayh, Katelyn McCullough), 1:57.44. 200 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 2:01.04; 2. Kelsey Macaddino (N), 2:01.46; 3. Hannah Craig (N), 2:06.06; 4. Sarah Griffiths (S), 2:08.32. 200 individual medley: 1. Laura Westphal (N), 2:13.56; D1; 2. Xu (S), 2:14.53; D1; 3. Mroz (N), 2:23.50; 4. Miranda Li (S), 2:26.91. 50 freestyle: 1. Nicki Pumper (N), 26:16; 2. McCullough (N), 26:68; 3. Freitag (S), 26:90; 4. Chen (S), 27:31. 1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (S), 263.30 points; 2. Jordyn Williams (S), 200.40; 3. Jennifer Moss (S), 147.50. 100 butterfly: 1. Macaddino (N), 59:63; D1; 2. Linda Zhang (S), 1:00.39; D1; 3. S. Griffiths (S), 1:05.59; 4. Nayh (N), 1:08.02. 100 freestyle: 1. McCullough (N), 55:79; 2. Xu (S), 56:94; 3. Hannah Craig (N), 58:46; 4. Li (S), 59:72. 500 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N), 5:21.23; 2. Freitag (S), 5:25.97; 3. Mroz (N), 5:26.46; 4. Lily Griffiths (S), 5:51.26. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Pumper, Macaddino, Craig, Westphal), 1:44; 2. Salem (Chen, Molly Rowe, S. Griffiths, Lisa Zhang), 1:47.50. 100 backstroke: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 1:00.78; D1; 2. Pumper (N), 1:01.65; 3. Lee (N), 1:04.83; 4. Rowe (S), 1:05.66. 100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:08.08; D1; 2. Szara (N), 1:10.05; 3. Grace Harding (S), 1:16.42; 4. Jessica Zhang (S), 1:16.71. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Pumper, McCullough, Westphal), 3:39.82; D1; 2. Salem	(Xu, Freitag, Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang), 3:41.16; D1. PLYMOUTH 137 WAYNE 43 Oct. 22 at P-CEP 200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Isabella Giacobone, Kelsey Peregor, Kathryn Waters, Allison Lennig), 2:07.43; 2. Plymouth (Meghana Somsaale, Vy Nguyen, Sruthi Sundar, Caroline Whitaker), 2:15.28. 200 freestyle: 1. Grace MacLellan (P), 2:13.71; 2. Kaylee Yang (P), 2:16.94; 3. Somsaale (P), 2:30.55; 4. Samantha Wass (W), 2:31.53. 200 individual medley: 1. Lennig (P), 2:21.38; 2. Julia Bryant (W), 2:24.69; 3. Peregor (P), 2:30.55; 4. Nguyen (P), 2:40.73. 50 freestyle: 1. Giacobone (P), 28.39; 2. Alyssa Crisp (P), 29.61; 3. Kayla Theus (W), 29.71; 4. Katie Gutzman (W), 30.89; 5. Nicole Misquitta (P), 31.25. 1-meter diving: 1. Beth Henderson (P), 140.60 points; 2. Olivia Richmond (P), 129.85. 100 butterfly: 1. Waters (P), 1:06.71; 2. Alicia Beene (W), 1:14; 3. Sundar (P), 1:15.16; 4. Sarah Haggitt (P), 1:17.99. 100 freestyle: 1. Lennig (P), 57.36; 2. Whitaker (P), 1:02.95; 3. Theus (W), 1:03.31; 4. Giacobone (P), 1:04.01. 500 freestyle: 1. Peregor (P), 5:47.67; 2. Yang (P), 6:13.93; 3. Sundar (P), 6:20.16; Wass (W), 6:45.92. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Giacobone, Crisp, Sarah Znull, Waters), 1:55.93; 2. Plymouth (MacLellan, Grace Pierzynski, Yang, Whitaker), 1:58.03. 100 backstroke: 1. MacLellan (P), 1:10.89; 2. Beene (W), 1:14.74; 3. Sundar (P), 1:17.50; 4. Somsaale (P), 1:19.24. 100 breaststroke: 1. Bryant (W), 1:12.98; 2. Nguyen (P), 1:18.84; 3. Sundar (P), 1:24.61; 4. Whitaker (P), 1:28.04. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (MacLellan, Waters, Lennig, Peregor), 4:02.60; 2. Plymouth (Ellie Kendall, Yang, Crisp, Znull), 4:26.34.
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi fends off Northville to capture KLAA crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

History repeated itself Saturday as Novi did it again in the KLAA Gold volleyball tournament. The No. 1-ranked team in Division 1 and last year's MHSAA state runner-up, the Wildcats went 6-0 on the day to earn their sixth straight Association crown with a 21-25, 26-24, 15-8 victory in the final over Northville in the third meeting this season between the two rivals. "I was very proud of the resilience we showed in the Northville match," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "We had a big target on our back and in turn a lot of pressure to perform. Northville played great and we had to dig deep to find a way to win." Novi, which improved to 43-2 overall, defeated White Lake Lakeland (25-19, 25-10), Brighton (25-14, 25-10) and Hartland (25-8, 25-10) in pool play before ousting Salem in the quarterfinals, 25-13, 25-11 and Walled Lake Central in the semifinals, 25-18, 25-15. Senior Victoria Iacobelli was Novi's top attacker on the day with 62 kills to go along with 39 digs. Junior Ally Cummings contributed 41 kills and 24 digs, while senior Paulina Iacobelli



Novi earned its sixth straight KLAA Association Gold tournament title Saturday.

finished with 29 kills and 50 digs. Not to be outdone was sophomore setter Erin O'Leary, who racked up 122 assist-to-kills, 20 kills and 32 digs. "To win six consecutive KLAA Association championships in such a competitive

league displays what an outstanding group of athletes, parents, coaches and administrators we have," Cottrill said. Northville, the second seed, reached the final with a 25-20, 25-11 semifinal victory over Walled Lake Central, after eliminating Milford in the

quarterfinals, 27-25, 25-11. In pool play, Northville downed Hartland (25-16, 25-22), split with Canton (24-26, 25-17) and defeated Brighton (25-13-25-15).

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Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team celebrates after winning the Division 4 district championship Oct. 23 at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

D4 BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL

Eagles edge Greenhills in regional semi

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Staff Writer

Familiarity breeds success for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team. Tuesday's Division 4 regional semifinal match unfolded just like the district final did four nights earlier for PCA. Once again, the Eagles dealt with overtime and penalty kicks against Ann Arbor Greenhills in the game at Lansing Christian. And yes, PCA emerged victorious, 2-1, to advance to Friday's regional final. "Nick Andres was our player of the match," PCA head coach Kris Warnemuende said. "He kept us in the game with 11 saves and blocked one PK to give us the edge we needed in the shoot-out."

"He showed what a difference a great keeper makes on a team." Warnemuende also noted the strong defensive work in front of the senior goalkeeper, turned in by Brian Schleintz, Austin Andres, Ben Fuller and Matthew Cusumano, for cutting off any potentially dangerous Greenhills plays. He said Cusumano played his best game of the season. "Through the overtime period, we tried to press the Greenhills defense, but were quick to get back and not allow a goal," Warnemuende said. "We kept the game tied up at the end of the overtime period and went to a PK shootout. "By our fourth shooter, we were ahead by one goal, just like against Inter-City (Baptist) in the district finals. Again,

Luke Yakuber sunk his PK for the win." Of course, the game would not have made it to the two 10-minute over-times and subsequent shootout if not for a clutch goal by Austin Andres midway through the second half to knot the score at 1-1. Greenhills had come out strong and got on the board off a corner kick about five minutes into the match. "Our defense did a good job stemming off their attack the rest of the half," Warnemuende said. "We held off the Greenhills attacks the rest of the half and had some quick breaks ourselves that didn't produce any goals." That one-goal advantage held for the Gryphons until PCA struck for the equalizer. Yakuber sent a crossing

ball in front to Ethan Willis, who hit the left post with his shot. Following the play and chipping the rebound into the left part of the Greenhills net was Andres. Warnemuende was gracious in victory, noting that the Gryphons (14-3) were without their top goalkeeper due to injury. Next up for PCA (15-4-2) is Friday's regional final against Lansing Christian. Game time is 7 p.m.

DISTRICT CHAMPS: Members of PCA's district champions include the following (listed alphabetically): Wade Allen, sophomore defender; Nick Andres, senior goalkeeper; Austin Andres, junior forward; Keith Brown, freshman forward; Will Crecelius, senior defender; Matthew Cusumano, junior midfielder; Ben Fuller, junior midfielder; Elijah Gritt, freshman midfielder; Sam Jose, senior midfielder; Kent Mickelson, senior forward; Andrew Myers, sophomore midfielder; Emanuel Ravuri, sophomore defender; Nevin Ruiter-Diaz, sophomore midfielder; Brian Schleintz, junior midfielder; Sam Spada, senior midfielder; Ethan Willis, junior midfielder; Luke Yakuber, senior midfielder.



Werthman

later to make it 3-0. Before intermission, Tetaj set up a goal by Leopoldo Arevalo, opening a four-goal lead for Schoolcraft. The Ocelots onslaught continued just 90 seconds into the second half, when Joe Gerorgic scored. Drawing the assist on the play was Davide Di Poce. At the 15-minute mark of the second half, Contreras scored his second goal of the contest on a play started by Livonia native Jacob Rosen. Werthman then booted a penalty kick past Cuyahoga goalkeeper John Paul Duff, who was under siege throughout the match (26 shots taken by Schoolcraft). Capping the scoring in the 83rd minute was Barakat, on a nifty individual effort. Schoolcraft, the second-place team in the Michigan Community College Athletic College, dominated on the defensive end, too. Goalkeepers Andres Hernandez (five saves) and Jose Jimenez (two saves) didn't have a lot of work to do, but were there when needed. The loss dropped Cuyahoga's record to 5-13-0 overall and 4-12-0 in Region XII. tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @Tim-Smith_Sports

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Lions win three of four vs. Comets

For most of the Canton Lions youth football program, Oct. 18 was a day to remember. Only the varsity Lions came up short at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, falling 28-0 to the undefeated Westland Comets. But it was a victorious day for the junior varsity, freshman and junior freshman teams. Following is a recap of the action.



CANTON LIONS

Preston Long dives for extra yardage for the Canton Lions junior varsity team against Westland.

VARSITY: Ivan Davis led the Canton Lions' defense with a team-leading 14 tackles and three sacks, but the Comets proved too tough overall. Sean Britt also had a big day on defense, with eight tackles and a sack. Nick Azzouz, Daylin Banks, Josh Bergevin, Gabe Fisher, Jeremy Fuchs, James Goldring, Jon Hanton, Lucas Holden, Spencer Korroch, Daniel Martin, Shamar Odom, Ezell Snipes and Cameron Wallace all contributed tackles. Other Lions highlights included several long punts, an interception by Banks and a 50-yard run by Bergevin. **JUNIOR VARSITY:** Touchdown runs by Ethan Bennett, Marco Johnson, Preston Long and Aidan Thompson bumped the JV Lions to a win over the Comets, with a final score of 34-8. Johnson reached the end zone after scooping up a fumble, caused by Long, and running it in for 99 yards. Johnson would go on to score one extra point, and Thompson carried in two. The Lions' strong running performance was aided by a dominant offensive line, led by Bennett, Gabe Alexander, Daniel

Baldwin, Giulian Bodiü, Colin Brewer, George Faris Jr. and Derek Watson. Tough defense was played by Josh Nichols and Carson Sampson; and Bennett also had a fumble recovery. **FRESHMAN:** The freshman Comets scored on their first possession, but the unrelenting Lions defense kept them out of the end zone the remainder of the game. The result: A Lions 25-7 victory. Leading with tackles for the Lions (7-0) were Aaron Alexander, Youssef Beydoun, Antonio Correa, Jaxon Ervans, Cameron Jonca, Luke Rayborn and Aiden Wallace. Josiah West answered the Comets' touchdown with a run to the end zone in the first half. Lions scoring continued in the second half with two touchdowns by Caleb Williams and an extra point by Kris Easley. Avery Satterlee returned a Comets punt for a 63-yard touchdown. **JUNIOR FRESHMAN:** In their final

game of the season, the junior freshman Lions proved fierce against the Westland Comets. The unrelenting defense, led by Evan Borsvold, Jimmy Cleveland, Riley Harrington, Brandon Miller, Julian Nichols and Micah Williams held strong against the Comets throughout the contest. Brandon Willis also chimed in with a clutch fumble recovery. Offensively, the Lions were unstoppable. Key runs by Willis, Brendan Seed and Evan Williams positioned Nichols for two touchdown runs. Skillful footwork by Carson Wrybowski assisted Jacob Modelski in making an additional trip to the end zone. The junior freshman team ended its season on a high note and the players are already looking forward to their next season on the gridiron.

BOYS SOCCER

Shamrocks secure district title, 1-0

Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Penalty kicks have become Novi Detroit Catholic Central's friend so far in the MHSAA Division 1 boys soccer tournament. The Shamrocks, coming off a 2-1 shootout victory Oct. 21 over No. 1-ranked Northville, used senior captain Matt Turton's PK in the fourth minute to earn their second district title in three years with a 1-0 triumph Friday over Walled Lake Central in the final at North Farmington. "We started out strong again," said CC coach

Gene Pulice, whose team improved to 17-2-3 overall. "We took the play to them. It was fast and furious from the get-go. We had been in their penalty area a few times already and then they finally ended up taking us down and we were awarded the PK. But as good a start as we got off to, we kind of lost our way after that, enough that it could have been easier than it was in that we made a game of it." Walled Lake Central (12-8-2) stayed close behind the play of goalkeeper Mario Morelli. "We have Matt Turton, Justin Murray and Peter Kirouac, who are our

senior captains out there, who got us under control," Pulice said. "They organized stuff again, then we started playing through them, got back to our game and they were pretty much under pressure the whole time." Kirouac finished with five saves. "They had some long balls that were coming out, but between Cole Moscovic and Justin Murray against their Elton Gjura, who is a handful, he became a non-threat at that point," Pulice said. CC advanced to the regional semifinal scheduled for Tuesday at Novi against Grand Blanc.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Ocelots break out, secure NJCAA bye

Schoolcraft men earn No. 2 bye in region with 8-0 win over Cuyahoga

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team needed to take care of some business Friday against Cuyahoga Community College — and did it ever. Sparked by two-goal games by Livonia Stevenson product Billy Werthman and Youssef Barakat, the Ocelots rolled to a 8-0 victory — securing the No. 2 bye in the NJCAA Region XII Tournament. Schoolcraft (13-2-2 overall and 12-2-2 in Region XII) will start tourney action at 2 p.m. Saturday against the winner of Wednesday's match-up of the third- and sixth-place teams. It didn't take long against Cuyahoga for Schoolcraft head coach Rick Larson and players to know it wasn't going to be another defensive struggle. Two days earlier, the Ocelots played a 0-0 deadlock against Owens Community College. About 17 minutes into the contest, Barakat scored his first goal off an assist from Victor Contreras. Over the final nine minutes of the opening half, the Ocelots exploded for three more goals. Scoring an unassisted goal at 32:41 was David Tetaj, followed by Werthman's unassisted goal about five minutes

later to make it 3-0. Before intermission, Tetaj set up a goal by Leopoldo Arevalo, opening a four-goal lead for Schoolcraft. The Ocelots onslaught continued just 90 seconds into the second half, when Joe Gerorgic scored. Drawing the assist on the play was Davide Di Poce. At the 15-minute mark of the second half, Contreras scored his second goal of the contest on a play started by Livonia native Jacob Rosen. Werthman then booted a penalty kick past Cuyahoga goalkeeper John Paul Duff, who was under siege throughout the match (26 shots taken by Schoolcraft). Capping the scoring in the 83rd minute was Barakat, on a nifty individual effort. Schoolcraft, the second-place team in the Michigan Community College Athletic College, dominated on the defensive end, too. Goalkeepers Andres Hernandez (five saves) and Jose Jimenez (two saves) didn't have a lot of work to do, but were there when needed. The loss dropped Cuyahoga's record to 5-13-0 overall and 4-12-0 in Region XII. tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @Tim-Smith_Sports

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Realtors lauded for contributions to industry, community

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors' Realtor of the Year award honors a Realtor for civic and association activity, business and educational experience and "Realtor Spirit" (professional competence and faithfulness to the principles of real estate, as well as to the laws and regulations of the State and National Code of Ethics).

GMAR's 2015 Realtor of the Year is Maureen Francis of Signature Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham.

For the last two years, Francis has sat on the Realcomp Shareholders task force. She's happy that the task force has been able to successfully work toward Realcomp's membership in the GLR, which will benefit Southeast Michigan Realtors

through access to one shared database of listing information.

Francis currently serves on the Boards of Directors of both Michigan Realtors and the National Association of Realtors and she is a 2015 graduate of NAR's Leadership Academy. She has served on various committees at both the state and national levels, and she recently developed and presented a webinar for NAR on Boomerang Buyers.

Francis is an associate broker. Her designations include ePRO, SFR, PMN and she is a former SRES Designee. A strong believer in the importance of RPAC, she maintains President's Circle Sterling R status.

"I am so very honored. GMAR has many exceptional volunteer leaders who serve our industry and are committed to advancing our profession, and I am inspired by many of my peers. I truly love the opportunities that being a Realtor has given to me and my family," Francis said.

GMAR President Frank Tarala said: "Maureen Francis is most deserving of this award based on her unselfish



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GMAR's 2015 Realtor of the Year is Maureen Francis of Signature Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham.

contributions to our real estate world. From a national level to the local level, Maureen brings well thought out perspectives that keep moving our industry forward. Congratulations, Maureen!"

Also honored by GMAR is the Realtor Active in Politics, given to a Realtor who has encouraged, educated, identified and recruited individuals by their contribution, investment and efforts in all levels of the governmental and political arenas. GMAR's 2015 Realtor Active in Politics is John McArdle of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

Over the past 27 years, McArdle has testified in Lansing on home ownership and mortgage issues and met with numerous members of congress and staff at state and federal levels to discuss topics including: importance of home ownership, mortgage issues, debt forgiveness, mortgage interest deduction and a continued smooth transfer of private property.

McArdle has served as a liaison for the I-275 communi-

ties to monitor real estate issues for Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia. He fought hard alongside MR in Lansing to defeat tax on services and other affronts to private property rights and Realtors. He has long served on MR Public Policy Committee with passion and with a "street level" approach to analyzing potential legislation. These years spent dedicated to Realtors helped him form long lasting friendships throughout the State of Michigan. In May of this year, McArdle was inducted into the National Association of Realtors NAR RPAC Hall of Fame for having contributed substantially to RPAC over the years.

GMAR's CEO Duane Marsh said: "The real estate profession takes its legislative activities very seriously. Leaders have to step up to ensure that our legislative power and influence is maintained. John is one of those leaders who freely gives of his time and expertise to maintain our legislative leadership. GMAR

is indeed fortunate to have John as a member of our board."

GMAR President Frank Tarala said: "I don't think a person exists who knows more about the present and past of real estate than John McArdle. I see John as a longtime student of our business and his knowledge of the past, combined with his present-day perspectives, gives us the right voice to convey our message to those who are running for office and those elected."

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Knowledgeable lawyer can advise on deed restrictions

Q: We live in a neighborhood where a developer has come in and wants to split the lots, which we believe is against our deed restrictions. How do I get my neighbors to hire a capable lawyer to deal with the situation?

A: You need to tell your neighbors that Michigan law requires that deed restrictions be strictly enforced assuming, of course, that the deed restrictions have been enforced uniformly and consistently in the past. Unfortunately, many condominium associations and homeowner associations don't take those deed restrictions as seriously as they should. However, residents have been successful in stopping developers from doing something in variance from the recorded deed restrictions and you should remind your neighbors that their property values are in jeopardy. You should start a war chest fund at a local financial institution and solicit contributions to retain a knowledgeable attorney.

Q: A developer in our neighborhood has approached us about building a high rise in the middle of our single family residential area. He has promised benefits to the community and while some are in favor of it, we need to know with certainty what will happen. What do you suggest?

A: You should retain an attorney as soon as possible to examine what obstacles the developer may have to obtain his request for a variance. If, in fact, the majority of the members of the community wish to allow the developer to go ahead based on promises, make sure they are in writing, make sure the municipality incorporates that in any variance approval, and canvass your neighborhood to determine what is the true intent and construction ramifications of the development.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Party helps veterans as they come home

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors is throwing a party at the Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit on Nov. 6. The event is open to the public and tickets cost \$50 per person (on sale at www.GMARonline.com/calendar). Each year, GMAR chooses a charity to benefit from monies made at their events.

This year's is The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers). Learn more at www.thevet-program.org. Several sponsors have already given to this event and more are welcome. Contact GMAR if interested at 248-478-1700 or info@gmaronline.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are from 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
15573 Buckingham Ave	\$165,000
16979 Georgina St	\$315,000
16250 Madoline St	\$175,000
31095 W Rutland St	\$255,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1895 Birmingham Blvd	\$300,000
736 Brookside Ave	\$335,000
1334 Cole St	\$559,000
395 Coolidge Rd	\$209,000
2735 Dorchester Rd	\$310,000
1365 E Lincoln St	\$176,000
1283 E Melton Rd	\$217,000
510 Graten St	\$359,000
538 Graten St	\$368,000
504 Landon St	\$535,000
898 N Adams Rd Unit 4	\$113,000
1035 N Old Woodward Ave	\$219,000
1111 N Old Woodward Ave # 36	\$225,000
1088 Southfield Rd	\$685,000
2298 W Lincoln St	\$705,000
807 Wallace St	\$418,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2025 Dell Rose Dr	\$415,000
720 E Fox Hills Dr	\$80,000
4074 Lincoln Rd	\$310,000
6790 Orinoco Cir	\$278,000
2945 S Woodward Ave #34	\$301,000
2945 S Woodward Ave #60	\$97,000
4243 Sawgrass Dr	\$286,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # A4	\$69,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
944 Adams Castle Dr	\$600,000

4369 Barchester Dr	\$515,000
2295 Bedford Rd	\$215,000
4578 Coachmaker Dr	\$410,000
7169 Fairhill Rd	\$375,000
1816 Harvest Ln	\$278,000
1974 Klingensmith Rd Unit 6	\$123,000
1731 Lone Pine Rd	\$365,000
185 N Glangary Rd	\$565,000
5165 Ponvalley Rd	\$778,000
3644 Quail Hollow Dr	\$478,000
809 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$450,000
3767 W Maple Rd	\$533,000
4581 Wagon Wheel Dr	\$480,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3509 Beagle Dr	\$323,000
9131 Chaumont Dr	\$156,000
4620 Commerce Woods Dr	\$255,000
3067 Edgewood Park Ct	\$230,000
5004 Greenvine Dr	\$278,000
5310 Inverly Ln	\$480,000
2479 Rocky Top Ct	\$292,000
3280 Royal Blvd	\$70,000
510 Graten Cir	\$210,000
1560 Vanstone Dr	\$220,000
FARMINGTON	
35826 Briar Ridge Ln	\$243,000
22447 Brookdale St	\$170,000
24091 Tana Ct	\$200,000
23052 Violet St	\$158,000
22855 Warner St	\$155,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22208 Averhill St	\$105,000
28220 Brandywine Rd	\$225,000
29812 Briarwood Ct	\$390,000
37671 Burton Dr	\$290,000
28200 E Greenmeadow Cir	\$140,000
32403 Farmersville Rd	\$223,000
28214 Greening St	\$132,000
35050 Hillside Dr	\$180,000
35310 Lone Pine Ln	\$200,000
35272 Meadow Ln	\$180,000
35184 Muer Pl	\$250,000

23645 N Stockton Ave	\$185,000
25393 Ridgeview Dr	\$224,000
21850 River Ridge Trl	\$225,000
38255 Saratoga Cir	\$190,000
29643 Shenandoah Dr	\$295,000
33652 Stocker St	\$193,000
30030 Stockton Ave	\$175,000
32286 Tall Timber Dr	\$370,000
34630 Valley Forge Dr	\$260,000
29675 Vista Ct	\$178,000
28865 W 11 Mile Rd	\$205,000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 242	\$135,000
28418 W 8 Mile Rd Unit C4	\$33,000
32022 Wayburn St	\$200,000
28341 Westerleigh Rd	\$204,000
28736 Wintergreen	\$690,000
HIGHLAND	
2261 Elkridge Cir	\$285,000
3027 Hillside Ave	\$225,000
2976 Tes Dr	\$240,000
4145 Woodcock Way	\$187,000
MILFORD	
942 Burns Rd	\$263,000
590 Cumberland Trl	\$400,000
113 Diponio Rossi Dr	\$355,000
209 East St	\$174,000
780 Forestberry Ct	\$240,000
803 Manderly Dr	\$290,000
1571 Morgan Ln	\$439,000
277 Napa Valley Dr	\$321,000
1401 S Garner Rd	\$540,000
708 S Millford Rd	\$129,000
4625 S Millford Rd	\$251,000
2949 Sovereign Ln	\$147,000
737 Telya Rdg	\$316,000
NORTHVILLE	
22936 Poppleton Dr	\$530,000
NOVI	
47991 Andover Dr	\$518,000
22635 Beckenham Ct	\$500,000
22574 Bertram Dr	\$361,000
50624 Billencia Dr	\$643,000

24179 Broadmoor Park Blvd	\$570,000
30806 Centennial Dr	\$180,000
31085 Chatsford St	\$350,000
41791 Chesterfield Ct	\$620,000
22643 Cranbrooke Dr	\$149,000
1141 East Lake Rd	\$335,000
30884 Golden Rdg	\$210,000
27969 Middleton Dr	\$240,000
23382 Mystic Forest Dr	\$373,000
22616 Penton Rise Ct	\$320,000
23483 Stonehenge Blvd	\$90,000
23597 Stonehenge Blvd	\$90,000
44539 Williams Dr	\$372,000
24530 Willowbrook	\$320,000
SOUTH LYON	
24968 Carriage Ln	\$73,000
54888 Grenelle Cir W	\$413,000
820 Hidden Creek Dr	\$307,000
619 Lyon Blvd	\$170,000
959 Oak Creek Dr	\$249,000
23854 Shinnecock Dr	\$430,000
962 Westbrook Dr	\$229,000
58793 Winnowing Cir S	\$83,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30131 Greenfield Rd	\$30,000
25315 Lathrup St	\$269,000
23637 Lee Baker Dr	\$42,000
29284 Rambling Rd	\$35,000
30585 Red Maple Ln	\$155,000
25530 Southfield Rd # A204	\$65,000
21475 Stahelin Rd	\$15,000
24629 Templar Ave	\$137,000
20750 Wayland Dr	\$77,000
17231 Westland Ave	\$93,000
WHITE LAKE	
9471 Cedar Island Rd	\$227,000
1346 Clearwater St	\$220,000
585 Farnsworth Rd	\$150,000
10304 Riverwood Ct	\$55,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 29 to July 2, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

CANTON	
8423 Alton St	\$158,000
3881 Berkeley Ave	\$129,000
40341 Chatsworth Ct	\$201,000
212 E Canford Park	\$430,000
336 Elmington Ct	\$380,000
44451 Forest Trail Dr	\$230,000
43729 Fredericksburg St	\$175,000
45957 Graystone Ln	\$193,000
48556 Greenwich Cir	\$363,000
43131 Hanford Rd	\$238,000
42493 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$92,000
49041 Manhattan Cir	\$333,000
1809 Mantion Blvd	\$213,000
236 N Willard Rd	\$215,000
48635 Oak Bridge Dr	\$220,000
2012 Pinecroft Dr	\$145,000
343 Princeton St	\$203,000
6601 Raintree Dr	\$215,000
42051 Saratoga Cir	\$178,000
39174 Sherwood Cir	\$239,000
42283 White Hart Blvd	\$280,000

GARDEN CITY	
32221 Barton St	\$115,000
31334 Buck St	\$100,000
335 Brandt St	\$60,000
5917 Cardwell St	\$62,000
6408 Dillon St	\$70,000
31344 Florence St	\$85,000
32482 Kathryn St	\$107,000
30426 Marquette St	\$106,000
LIVONIA	
28100 S Mill Rd	\$23,000
14156 Beatrice St	\$186,000
14015 Brentwood St	\$150,000
32018 Bretton St	\$181,000
39122 Dover St	\$150,000
15954 Edgewood St	\$255,000
16702 Farmington Rd	\$180,000
19907 Farmington Rd	\$110,000
32631 Five Mile Rd	\$100,000
18725 Flamingo Blvd	\$167,000
14950 Garden St	\$150,000
14942 Gary Ln	\$182,000
17754 Golfview St	\$215,000
35950 Hees St	\$80,000
9183 Houghton St	\$186,000
32814 Indiana St	\$130,000
37773 Margaretta Dr	\$275,000
14811 Merriman Dr	\$70,000
36282 Northfield Ave	\$172,000
32909 Northgate Ave	\$235,000
19562 Norwich Rd	\$253,000
16724 Quakertown Ln	\$266,000

15516 Stonehouse Cir	\$271,000
18049 University Park Dr	\$87,000
31515 W Chicago St	\$117,000
19758 Weyher St	\$153,000
34273 Wood St	\$242,000
NORTHVILLE	
44890 Broadmoor Cir S	\$445,000
16983 Courville Dr	\$438,000
46103 Greenridge Dr	\$470,000
550 High St	\$695,000
16163 Homestead Cir	\$315,000
20415 Lexington Blvd	\$310,000
426 Mountairview Dr	\$660,000
17325 Rolling Woods Cir	\$600,000
17530 Rolling Woods Cir	\$600,000
714 Spring Dr	\$365,000
16995 Sycamore Ct	\$420,000
15772 Troom Ct	\$820,000
41340 Windsor Ct	\$127,000
PLYMOUTH	
46380 Academy Dr	\$369,000
49761 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$250,000
42543 Applecreek Dr	\$185,000
760 Blunk St	\$180,000
11466 N Haggerty Rd	\$155,000
1062 Palmer St	\$239,000
49310 Plum Tree Dr	\$321,000
48525 Quail Run Dr S	\$465,000
9242 Rocker Ave	\$325,000
774 York St	\$139,000
REDFORD	
19992 Centralia	\$35,000

19268 Dalby	\$63,000
11347 Mercedes	\$15,000
WAYNE	
4404 Biddle St	\$80,000
WESTLAND	
7642 Arcola St	\$61,000
7308 Cheyenne St	\$227,000
36547 Deer Run Ct N	\$125,000
16111 Elias St	\$125,000
8541 Haller St	\$95,000
31813 Hazelwood St	\$80,000
35230 Hivewley St	\$75,000
34826 Hivewley St	\$65,000
8154 Huntington St	\$30,000
8350 Ingram St	\$130,000
1824 Liddicot Ave	\$120,000
29040 Manchester St	\$47,000
29057 Manchester St	\$42,000
8320 N Hix Rd	\$177,000
485 N Sybold St	\$135,000
38261 Overbrook Ln	\$216,000
38467 Palmer Rd	\$69,000
1152 Rahn St	\$85,000
38477 Sycamore Ct	\$134,000
6284 Twin Oaks	\$120,000
35314 Wallace St	\$50,000
392 Westcott St	\$131,000
39340 Worchester St	\$145,000
1536 Zorn St	\$120,000

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From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with StarMAX East, ActionMAX East, ActionMAX West, Cinemax East, Cinemax On Demand, Cinemax West, GCLTV, HBO Comedy East, HBO East, HBO Family East, HBO Family West, HBO Go, HBO On Demand, HBO Signature East, HBO Signature West, HBO West, HBO Zone East, HBO2 East, HBO2 West, MAX Go, MoreMAX East, MoreMAX West, MoreMAX Now, Network, ThrillerMAX East, TV One and Youto America remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

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On or after December 8, 2015, the following existing PPV networks will be moved to the SDV system:

Events/NDemand	556	Events/NDemand03	804
Events/NDemand01	802	JUICY	830
Events/NDemand01HD	656, 801	XTSY	836
Events/NDemand02	803		

On or after December 8, 2015, the following existing Premier Tier networks will be moved to the SDV system:

Clo	108	Hallmark East	118
Disney XD East	107	Nick Jr East	110
GSN East	102	TeenNick	117

On or after December 8, 2015, the following existing Standard Tier networks will be moved to the SDV system:

BTN	31	Nickelodeon East	57
Golf	33 & 87	Food Network East	47
Nat Geo East	70	Bravo East	40
Cartoon East	58	A&E East	41
Disney East	72	El TV East	62
ESPN2	30	Spy East	56
LMN	71	MSNBC	25
Animal Planet East	46	History East	42
WGN America	18	USA East	60
HUN East	28	Discovery East	44
Comedy East	63	Spike East	55
CHBC	26	FX East	67

This service will not be available on unidirectional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their unidirectional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor will be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

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5 First-string
athletic group
10 Black mark
16 Suffix with
fiend
19 27-Across
continent
20 Elder Obama
daughter
21 Approached
to assail
22 Bakery treat
23 Start of a
riddle
26 Carte or
mode lead-in
27 Seoul's land
28 Engine
sound
29 Also include
30 Erfurt article
31 Spider-Man
co-creator
34 Declares,
informally
35 Spread of
puréed liver
37 Wish for
38 Riddle, part 2
42 Romanov
ruler
46 Very regretful
one
47 Pretense
48 Lew of "State
Fair"

- 49 Riddle, part 3
55 Jewish
holiday in
spring
56 Give — on
the back
57 Pop singer
Bareilles
58 Times of
distinction
62 Informal
name for
Utah
65 Easter
entrées
67 Many truck
engines
69 Farrow of
films
70 Riddle, part 4
73 Beer in Bath
74 Gucci or
Armani rival
76 "That's all
there is —"
77 Trials by
fire
79 "Hey, you
there"
80 Suffix with
switch
82 Brand of hair
remover
84 Prefix with
tasking
86 Riddle, part 5
91 Moved like a
kangaroo

- 94 Stock debut,
for short
95 "Oh, uh-huh"
96 Spanish for
"other"
97 End of the
riddle
103 "Bill" penner
Jerome
104 Butterlike
product
105 — -di-dah
106 Stir-fry tidbit
111 Meyers or
Onassis
112 Leave agape
113 Sun. church
talk
114 Sphere
115 Giant in pens
116 Riddle's
answer
123 Feline sign
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league team
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127 N.J. hours
128 Elmo's street
129 "10" star Bo
130 Darns, e.g.

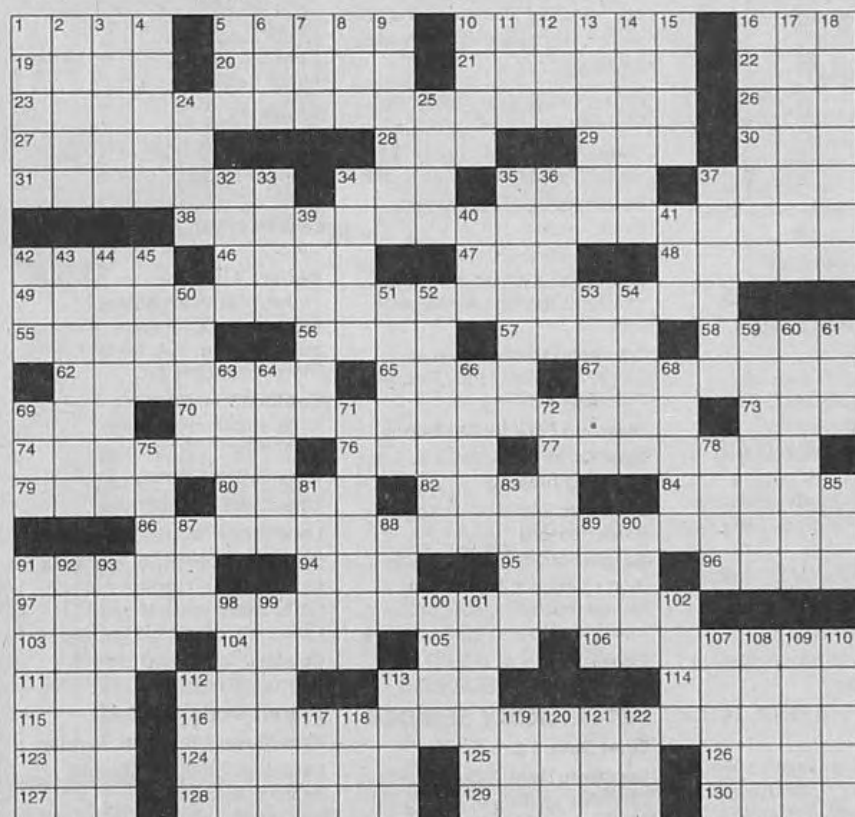
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Ovid
6 Frat "T"
7 Pipe fitting
8 Give a boost
9 Chaos
10 Pond coating
11 Sea-
Airport
12 "— little
teapot ..."
13 Cold Italian
desserts
14 Actor Karl
15 Very little
16 Apple debut
of 2013
17 Quiet
18 Brick floors
of fireplaces
24 Young cow
25 Anise-
flavored
liqueur
32 Italian money
33 Adequate, to
Li'l Abner
34 Waffle
pour-on
35 Painter Pablo
36 Allstate rival
37 "Indubitably!"
39 Counteract
40 Dirt Devil,
e.g., for short
41 — -Mart
42 Phone bug
43 Crams, e.g.

- 44 Overdue
debt
45 Social
reformer
Jacob
50 Frat "O"
51 Loutish sort
52 Endurance
53 Opposite of
chaos
54 Water nymph
of myth
59 Portion out
anew
60 Sports VIP
61 Louisville-to-
Atlanta dir.
63 Houston
college, for
short
64 "If — Would
Leave You"
66 Silver or gold
68 Rival
69 Sports VIP
71 Go as low as
72 What the
weary get, in
a saying
75 Walk over
78 Sedan, say
81 Of sheep
83 From Cork,
e.g.
85 "— perfect
world ..."
87 Fourth of a
fiscal yr.

- 88 — au vin
(chicken
dish)
89 Shar-
(wrinkly
dogs)
90 Russia's
Trotsky
91 Pleasant
92 Manicure
boards
93 Yellowish
fruit
98 Red-eyed
sparrow
99 Tips off
100 "—s Gold"
(1997 film)
101 Part of ERA
102 Usual
107 Takes off the
bottle
108 Check
recipient
109 Ulna's end
110 Prayer ends
112 PIN points
113 Pal of Hook
117 11-Down
guess, briefly
118 Wood for
dartboards
119 Hack down
120 "World Cafe"
airer
121 Female
koala
122 "Fire away!"

DOWN

- 1 Pro-war sorts
2 "Give it —!"
("Try!")
3 Triple crown
4 Worn (away)



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SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	9	1	2	9	2	8	6	7
9	7	6	8	8	1	2	2	9
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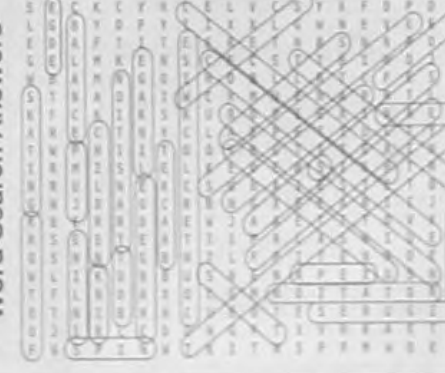
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SKATIN
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STUNT
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TRAILIN
TRANSITTO
UNSTEAD
WHEEL

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



Word Search Answers



RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Details: Children, accompanied by an adult, will trick or treat in the church parking lot. Congregation members will give out treats from their parked cars. Children and adults may dress in costume. Bring your own bag to collect treats

Contact: 734-522-6830

NOVEMBER

DVD COURSE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, starting Nov. 4

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Why Evil Exists," is a 36-part series featuring Charles Mathewes of the University of Virginia. Two 30-minute lectures will be screened each week, followed by a brief discussion. No reservations needed

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

FAIR TRADE BOUTIQUE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15

Location: St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Guests can buy merchandise from around the world through Catholic Relief Services and Ten Thousand Villages, and speak with ministry representatives from local organizations that assist the poor in southeastern Michigan

Contact: 248-646-2686

PARADE OF PARTIES

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Condordia Lutheran School presents a shopping event featuring such vendors as Tupperware, PartyLite, Mary Kay and more

Contact: 313-937-2233; concordials.org

SINGLES DANCE

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

Location: Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia

Details: Livonia Christian Singles Community's annual square dance is \$12 per person. No partner needed, but RSVP requested. Includes refreshments.

Contact: catholicisingles@livoniastmichael.org

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising ceremony; 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 8

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: An informal reception will follow

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together, prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

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HERMANN, JOHN T., SR.

Passed away on October 24, 2015, age 88. Husband of Dorothy. Son of Walter and Edna Hermann. Proud father of John, Larry, Bob, Nick, Jim, Rick, Andy, Tim, David, Gerry and daughter Linda Gaskell. Dear brother of Fred, and the late Henry, Miriam and Jani Jacobs. John has 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952. John was originally from Evansville Indiana. He and his family eventually settled in Livonia Michigan. He was an engineer at Chrysler Corporation until 1988 before retiring in St. Augustine Florida. He spent the last several years in Westland Michigan. The visitation will be Sunday, November 1st from 11 a.m. until the Funeral Service at 5 p.m. at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). Military honors will follow. Memorial donations may be made to Right to Life. To share a tribute, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



LeCLAIR, BARBARA

October 24, 2015 Age 60 of Canton. Loving daughter of Steve and Sandra Shuk. Loving sister of Carol (Henry), Steve (Billie), Ron (Sherry) and Gary (Jackie). Special aunt to Ryan, Jayme, Emily, Sydney, Monica, Mike, Nick, Kelly, Eric, Katie, and Meghan. Great aunt to RJ and Oliver. Sister-in-law to Steve (Genji), Jeanne (Bob), Chris (Tom), Lili and Chris (Dan). An amazing Nan to Michael and Dylan. It is clear the love and respect they have for her. A loving and irreplaceable mother to Amy, Matthew and David. She is our role model, setting us up for success in work, life, and love. She is our protector, selflessly ensuring that we never feel struggle, want, or unhappiness. She was the provider of an unbelievable life, and we could not be more grateful for that gift. More than a step-mom to Genevieve (Ryan), Donny and Caroline. Her thoughtful, patient, and caring personality united our families. The love our dad had for Barb was so special and apparent, it made us love her even more. Barb also had a long and successful career in Corporate Finance at Ford, where she made many important contributions. She is missed by her friends and colleagues at Ford. Barb is the beloved wife of Don, but she was much more than a wife. She was his best friend, confidante, lover, and his own special support system. In short, she is the love of Don's life. "Barb, in the blink of an eye, the light in my life went out. I miss you so much, and I will always love you." Barb always put her family first, and the love she had for all of us is incredible and we will always treasure it. A mass of the Resurrection was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Services were entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Donations may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Center. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SCHOENBORN, LEONARD V.

Age 66, October 24, 2015. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Daniel (Jillian) and Gary (Rachelle). Dear grandfather of Jackson, Hadley, Nola Belle and Tayah, Holden, Marlow and Sullivan. Dear brother of Jerome (Ann), Richard (Herta), Geraldine (Clarence) Winter, Kenneth (Kathy) and Donald (Julie). Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday 1-9 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7 p.m. Instate at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Friday from 10 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Memorials may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project and S.E. Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation. Please share a memory of Leonard at: www.rgrharris.com



TIMMONS, KENNETH GORDON

Kenneth Gordon Timmons, 86. Passed away suddenly October 20, 2015 in Fort Myers, Florida. Loving husband of Lucy (Cau) Timmons, father of sons Dan and Joe Timmons, daughter Amy Timmons Bell, grandfather of Ryan Timmons and Sarah Binder. Born in Midland, Michigan to Francis (Big Tim) and Doris (Delaney) Timmons and sister Patricia Timmons Bushey and late brother-in-law Richard Bushey (Palm Harbor, FL). Loving uncle to Michelle (Timmons) Bushey (New Orleans, LA) and Mike (Timmons) Bushey (Deerfield Beach, FL), Tim Camargo (Daytona Beach, FL), Greg Camargo (Birmingham, MI), Kathie (Camargo) Lefere (Wyoming, MI), Doug Jungclaus (Seattle, WA) and Matt Jungclaus (York, PA). Loving brother-in-law to Joanne (Cau) and Dieter Jungclaus of Cape Coral, Florida, and to the late Jerry and Gloria (Cau) Camargo of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Loving father-in-law to Jack Bell, Nikki Timmons, and Connie Timmons. Ken was a star athlete at Midland High School, lettering in basketball, football, and baseball. He received a scholarship to The University of Detroit where he played forward in basketball and pitcher in baseball. He was always saying how grateful he was to "U of D" and that he was proud to support the school by getting his master's degree there when he had other less costly options at the time. Ken truly loved being a history and government teacher at Livonia Bentley and Churchill High Schools, where he also coached basketball, baseball, and golf. Many said he taught or coached what seemed like half the students of Livonia in his 36 years of teaching. After his retirement, Ken served as Livonia School Board President and member. He also served as President of the Livonia Education Association, and helped form junior golf leagues in Livonia. The family will hold a memorial luncheon/dinner in Michigan to celebrate his life, at a date to be determined. For further information, please contact the family at: adorann@comcast.net or Amy at 248-755-8159 or Lucy at 734-306-4666

TURNER, MARGARET ELLEN "PEGGY"

Passed away on Monday, October 26. Preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Keith Turner. She is survived by her two sons, Geoffrey (Jessica) and Brian (Ani), and three grandchildren, Zachary, Maren and Madeline. A memorial service is to be scheduled.



WEISS, DR. JOSEPH J. MD, MACP

Dr. Weiss was born to Otto and Fay Weiss in Detroit, Michigan on March 22, 1934. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1955 and its Medical School in 1961. He interrupted his training to serve in the US Public Health Service, which took him to many rural regions of the United States. Dr. Weiss joined Care-Medico to provide medical services in pre-Soviet Afghanistan for two years, and then went to what was then South Vietnam to care for civilian casualties of the war. Upon his return to the US, he completed an internal medicine residency and a rheumatology fellowship. From 1971 to 1981, Dr. Weiss served as a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan Medical School and as an intern and later staff physician at Wayne County General Hospital, where he served as Director of Emergency services for five years. Since 1981, until less than a week before his death, he ran a medical practice as a solo practitioner and was an active medical staff member of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Over the years, he held the offices of Chief of Staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital and chair of its Continuing Medical Education Committee. Dr. Weiss was also a former President of the Michigan Society of Internal Medicine and of the Wayne County Medical Society. At various times, his responsibilities included Chair of the Education Committee and the Scientific Committee of the Michigan Rheumatism Society, and he volunteered his services as a clinician for the underserved at Covenant Community Care in Southwest Detroit for many years. Since 1981 he has been the author of the patient education column "Arthritis Today" for the Observer/Eccentric newspapers. He has published 36 papers and numerous textbook chapters on aspects of rheumatology, particularly on the structure and conditions of the shoulder, as well as hundreds of editorials on medical politics and economics. Many of his articles were published in the Detroit Medical News, where he served as Editor-in-Chief. In 1998, Dr. Weiss was a recipient of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians' Laureate Award; some years later, he received their Lifetime Achievement Award; and earlier this year, American College of Physicians honored him with the title of Master of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Weiss was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Louise Weiss (née Beck). He is survived by his sister Edith King, his sons Steven (Sharon) and David (Linda), and his grandsons Samuel and Broderick. He is also survived by his companion Marilyn Shapiro and her children, Laurence (Lisa) Shapiro, Elizabeth (Ted) Pena and Jessica (Lawrence) Miller, and her grandchildren Emma, Zoe, Violet, Oscar, Isaac and Abraham.

SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL ON TUESDAY, 248-569-0020. www.irakauffman.com

In Memoriam

Spice up dinner



GANNETT ILLUSTRATION/THINKSTOCK

Prepare a fall fiesta with side dishes inspired by the Latin kitchen for a lively alternative to your typical autumn comfort foods. Recipes that draw on regional ingredients, such as chili peppers, cilantro, yuca and quinoa, are a delicious way to amp up flavor and bring Latin American style to the dinner table.

Manuel Villacorta, an award-winning registered dietitian

who developed CanolaInfo's recipe collection, says the dishes average 125 calories per serving.

"The dishes have all the Latin flavors I love plus an extra measure of nutrition thanks to canola oil, which has a neutral taste to let other ingredients shine, and also contains the least saturated fat of all common vegetable oils."

For more recipes, visit canolainfo.org.

QUINOA SALAD WITH AJI AMARILLO DRESSING

Serves: 10

1 cup quinoa
2 cups vegetable broth
Dressing:
¼ cup canola oil
1 tablespoon aji amarillo (or mild chili) paste
1 cup whole cilantro leaves
¼ cup lime juice
1 teaspoon salt
Salad:
1 cup peas (fresh or frozen)
1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
½ cup celery, chopped
½ cup red onion, diced

Rinse quinoa well under cool water in fine sieve for several changes of water. Drain well. In large pot, boil vegetable broth and quinoa over medium heat. Reduce to simmer and cook quinoa until tender but still firm to bite, about 15 minutes. It's done when germ separates, making it look like a curly Q. Drain well and return quinoa to pot off heat. Cover with tea towel and replace lid, allowing it to steam and fluff as it cools. For dressing, add all ingredients to food processor and blend until smooth. For salad, if using fresh peas, bring medium-size pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add peas and cook about 5 minutes. Strain and rinse with cold water to cool. If using frozen, skip this step. In large mixing bowl, combine cooled quinoa, peas, beans, celery, red onion and dressing. Mix until dressing is distributed evenly and serve. Note: May be prepared one day ahead.



GREEN BEAN SALTADO

Serves: 4

2 tablespoons canola oil
8 ounces green beans, ends trimmed
2 medium red onions, cut into strips
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon aji amarillo (or mild chili) paste
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
2 teaspoons cumin
2 tomatoes, seeded, sliced into narrow strips
½ cup chopped cilantro

In large saute pan or wok, heat canola oil over medium-high heat. Add green beans and cook 5 minutes. Add onion, garlic, paste, vinegar, soy sauce and cumin. Stir to combine. Cook 3-5 minutes or until onions are fragrant but still hold their shape. Add tomatoes and cook 1-2 minutes. Remove pan from heat and add cilantro. Stir to combine. Serve warm.

ROASTED WINTER VEGGIES AND TRI-COLOR POTATOES

Servings: 10

1 ½ pounds tri-color potatoes, quartered
1 pound Brussels sprouts, cut in half
1 large red bell pepper, coarsely chopped
1 medium red onion, coarsely chopped
2 medium zucchini, cut lengthwise and sliced
2 medium carrots, sliced
¼ cup chopped rosemary
½ cup canola oil
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Heat oven to 400 F. In large roasting pan, place vegetables. Add rosemary, canola oil, salt and garlic powder, and stir to combine. Cook about 40 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

FIESTA RICE

Serves: 16

8 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth
2 cups wild rice
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 medium white onion, chopped
1 cup diced red bell peppers
½ cup chopped walnuts
½ cup golden raisins
¼ cup finely diced parsley

In large saucepan, bring broth to boil, then stir in wild rice and salt. Reduce heat and simmer covered 40-45 minutes, or just until kernels puff open. Uncover and fluff with fork and simmer additional 5 minutes. Drain excess liquid. Place cooked rice in large serving bowl and set aside to cool. In large saute pan, heat canola oil over medium heat. Add onion and saute for 1-2 minutes or until translucent. Add peppers, walnuts and raisins. Cook until lightly browned and fragrant. Add sauteed mixture and parsley to wild rice. Stir to combine and serve warm.



CITY BITES

Plant-based holiday

Plymouth — Holiday Tasting Event returns 2:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 8, to Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Jeanie Weaver presents this annual demonstration and tasting event that offers instructions and recipes for vegetarian and vegan holiday meals.

"This will be an opportunity to see, taste, and talk with the chefs that created your meal for the evening," Weaver said, in an email. "We are teaching

by presenting dishes that embody the information we now know will prevent many of our life style diseases and walk you toward better health especially at the holidays."

Chefs will present four main dishes with sides, along with some dessert ideas. \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Register by calling 248-446-9176 or email holidaytasting@gmail.com; veggieholiday.com.

Wine expert

Livonia — Learn about "Wines of the World" with Lee Hershey, 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday, at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty, Livonia. Taste six wines, nibble cheeses, and participate in an open forum with Hershey. \$20; 734-432-3800.

Giving to education

Nationwide — Olive Garden restaurants will donate a portion of dine-in sales from 4-10 p.m. Nov. 3 to local high schools. Each of the 24 locations in Michigan will donate

up to \$1,000 to their partner school. Locations include the restaurant at 14000 Middlebelt in Livonia, which will donate to Redford Union High School, and 43300 Crescent Blvd., Novi, which will donate to Franklin Road Christian School.

Fall flavors

Great Lakes area — Holland-based Hudsonville Ice Cream is celebrating the season with four limited edition flavors: Pure Michigan Salted Caramel Apple, Cider Mill Donut,

Pumpkin Pie and Fried Ice Cream. The salted caramel apple flavor won the 2012 Pure Michigan online flavor contest and tastes like "caramel apples on a stick," according to Raymond Sierengowski, product development director. Cider Mill Donut includes doughnut pieces and spiced apple swirl. Pumpkin pie contains pieces of crust and Fried Ice Cream combines cinnamon, tostadita crunch with honey caramel swirl and cinnamon ice cream. hudsonvilleicecream.com

By Sharon Dargay



ANNA ROSSMANN

Motor City Ghostbusters will be on hand at the "Ghostbusters" screening Nov. 1 in Canton, where actor Ernie Hudson, who played Winston Zeddemore in the movie, will greet fans.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

'Ghostbuster' Ernie Hudson heads to metro Detroit to greet fans

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ghostbusters fans will get a chance to meet Ernie Hudson, who played Winston Zeddemore in the 1984 comedy, this weekend at Emagine Theatres in Rochester Hills, Royal Oak and Canton.

Hudson, a Benton Harbor native and Wayne State University graduate, will greet movie goers, sign autographs and pose for photos during screenings Friday, Oct. 30, at Emagine Rochester Hills, Oct. 31 at Emagine Royal Oak and Nov. 1 at Emagine Canton.

No one is more excited about his visit than the Motor City Ghostbusters. Members of the group make and dress in "screen accurate" costumes to promote interest in the movie franchise at *Ghostbusters*-related gatherings, for volunteer work and charitable events. The group has members in Livonia, West Bloomfield, Warren, Ann Arbor, Rochester Hills and other communities in southeastern Michigan.

"The biggest concentration of members seem to be heading to the Canton location on Nov. 1," said Eric Alexander, a Livonia resident and co-founder of the group. "And yes, we plan to be at the theater in full costume on Sunday. We will be there to take pictures with fans and provide atmosphere for the people attending the showings."

"Ernie is such a great guy, and a Michigan native. We are all excited to come out to see him."

Directing, acting

While at Wayne State, Hudson established the Actors' Ensemble Thea-



Ernie Hudson as Winston Zeddemore in the comedy, "Ghostbusters."

tre, where he and other writers directed and appeared in their own works. After graduation, he was awarded a full scholarship to Yale School of Drama.

During his career, Hudson has appeared in numerous television shows, including *St. Elsewhere*, *Once Upon a Time*, *The Ben Stiller Show*, *Grace and Frankie*, and *Grey's Anatomy*. His movie credits range from *Leadbelly*, in 1976, to *Ghostbusters*, directed by Paul Feig and scheduled for release in July 2016. The 1984 *Ghostbusters* starred Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray and Harold Ramis as three unemployed parapsychology professors who run a ghost removal service. The film's reboot features Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, and

Kate McKinnon, with a cameo by Hudson.

Tickets

Alexander said several other fan groups from Michigan and a few from Canada will join Motor City Ghostbusters Sunday at the Emagine Canton.

Tickets are still available at all three theaters, but are going fast. As of Tuesday, two show times were sold out in Canton and one was sold out in Rochester Hills. Here's what remains:

Show times are 4:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton; 888-319-3456. Show times are 1 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Emagine Royal Oak, located on 11 Mile, just east of Main in downtown



Ernie Hudson

SUBMITTED

Royal Oak; 248-414-1000. Show times are 5:30 p.m., and 10 p.m. at Emagine Rochester Hills, 200 Barclay Circle, Rochester Hills; 248-243-3456. Visit emagine-entertainment.com for ticket prices.

For more information about Motor City Ghostbusters, visit its Facebook page.

"To join our group, you must have a movie accurate costume with at least one piece of Ghostbusting equipment," Alexander said. That equipment might include Ecto Goggles, a PKE Meter, Proton Pack or other items used in the film. "A full list of requirements is available by request. Once approved, you only need to do one event, which we call busts, a year to stay active."

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Oct. 31.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "The Dark Side of the Rohde" features more than 30 digital photograph manipulations by Ann Arbor artist and photographer Denise Rohde

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7



SUBMITTED

The Canton Concert Band will present a Halloween concert, Oct. 31 at the Village Theater in Canton.

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Holiday Art Sale, baked goods, PCAC gift certificates; \$2 suggested admission

Other activities: Youth pottery workshop, 12:30-2 p.m. Nov. 3, for students, 7-17, is \$30. Students will make three ornaments and a candle luminary. Register at 734-416-4278

Contact: plymoutharts.com

DANCE

DANCING WITH THE DETROIT STARS

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 14

Location: The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham

Details: In this charity event for South Oakland Shelter, area movers and shakers will pair up with professional dancers in a celebrity dance competition. Includes strolling dinner, cocktails and a silent auction. Tickets are \$200

Contact: southoaklandshelter.org

MUSIC HALL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Shaping Sound features contemporary dancers bringing a mash-up of dance styles and musical genres to life. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50

Contact: ticketmaster.com; starticket.com

FILM

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Nov. 1

Location: At the Jewish Community Center of Metro Detroit, located at Drake and Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: *Pirates of Penzance*, filmed at the English National Opera; tickets \$12

Contact: theberman.org; 248-661-1900

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Shaun The Sheep Movie*, \$3

Shocktober Classics: *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein*, 7 p.m. Oct. 29; \$3

Coming up: *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 and 12, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8; \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Oct. 31

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: *ET* screens at the early show, *Nightmare on Elm Street* is the late show; each show, \$5

Coming up: *Roman Holiday*, 8 p.m. Nov. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 7; tickets \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HALLOWEEN FUN

CONCERT

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Canton Concert Band performs a Halloween concert, "The Haunting of Canton HollowsReturns." The audience may dress in costume. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students.

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

GET OUT

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COSTUME PARTY

Time/Date: 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31
Location: Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: First Ol' Skool Halloween Costume Party will include a plated dinner, beer, wine, and music by Eclipse. Tickets \$30
Contact: 734-953-9724

MEDIUM MESSAGES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1
Location: Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Elizabeth Brown and Charles Klepadlo, mediums, will give messages to attendees from their deceased loved ones. Tickets purchased at least four hours before the event are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$23.
Contact: twomusetheatre.org

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 30, and 10 p.m. Oct. 31
Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia
Details: A poltergeist is set free in an asylum for nervous patients in this musical called *The Great Ghost Chase*. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Admission at the door is \$2 more. Limited cabaret seating is \$15 for the show on Oct. 31. For reserved seating tickets, visit eventbrite.com and type in The Great Ghost Chase, Livonia
Contact: 313-535-8962; mcyt.org

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31
Location: 47884 D St., Belleville
Details: Spooktacular Halloween party will include a costume parade, games, treats, science experiments and educational activities for families with children, 15 and under. Free
Contact: 734-483-4030

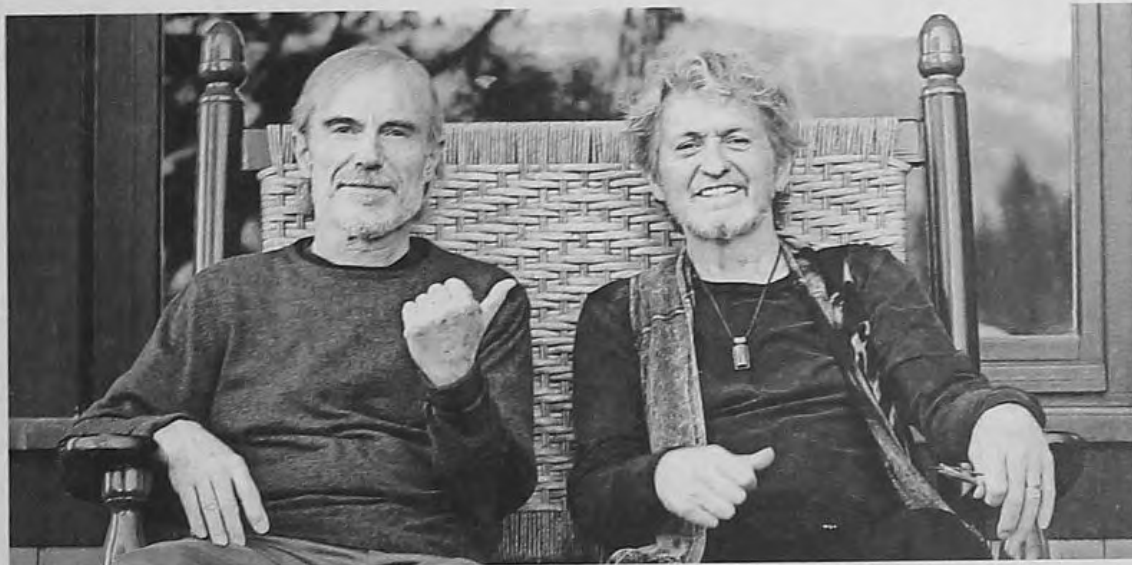
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KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29
Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.
Exhibit: The Fair That Changed Amer-



Jean Luc Ponty, left, and Jon Anderson will perform together at Jazz Cafe at Music Hall in Detroit.

ica runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel
Contact: 734-455-8940

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BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MAMA'S COFFEEHOUSE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21

Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

Details: Annie and Rod Capps; \$15 general admission, \$13 for students and seniors

Contact: mamascoffeehouse.org

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 6

Location: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Jon Anderson, original singer/songwriter for YES, teams with jazz violinist, Jean Luc Ponty. The Anderson-Ponty Band will play new arrangements of classic YES hits, like *Roundabout* and *Owner Of A Lonely Heart*, as well as other tunes. Tickets are \$42, \$59, \$69



Rod and Annie Capps will perform Nov. 8 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, and Nov. 21 at MAMA's Coffeehouse in Birmingham.

and \$79

Contact: musicchall.org; 313-887-8501

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Brazilian Blast! concert features a pre-concert talk at 6:45 p.m. and a mix of jazz, classical and Brazilian music. Tickets are \$30 general, \$25 seniors, 62 and over, and \$10 students

Contact: michiganphil.org

PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 and 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: ABBACADABRA, an ABBA tribute band, performs

Contact: recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-1848

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, Nov. 4

Location: VisTaTech Center, on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz performs. Donations at the door help fund student scholarships

Contact: 734-462-4403; schoolcraft.edu/music

ST. JOHN MUSIC GUILD

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The Guild presents a Commemorative Centennial Concert featuring violinists Ani and Ida Kavafian. An afterglow will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for age 17 and under. Make checks payable to St. John Music Guild and mail to St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075
Contact: 586-242-3821; stjohsarmenianchurch.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Open Stage, Nov. 3; Twangtown Paramours, Nov. 6; The Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Al

Petteway and Amy White, Nov. 7; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Beverly Meyer, Nov. 8. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

SPOKEN WORD

MOTH STORY SLAM

Time/Date: Doors open 4:30 p.m., stories start 7 p.m. Nov. 5, Detroit; doors open 6 p.m., stories start 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17, Ann Arbor

Location: Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit and Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor

Details: Prepare a five-minute story on the theme, toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, step up and tell your true personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. This month's theme at Cliff Bell's is payback. The theme for Circus Bar is gifted. Admission is \$5 in Detroit, \$8 in Ann Arbor

Contact: themoth.org

TELEBRATION!

Time/Date: 6 p.m. silent auction, 7 p.m. storytelling, Nov. 13

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Gwendolyn Lewis, Alma Petri, and Judy Sima tell stories during this annual night of storytelling for adults. Elizabeth Najdich is the maestro. Includes silent auction and refreshments. Admission is \$5

Contact: 248-476-8515; judy@judysima.com

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 6-7 and 13-14 and 2 p.m. Nov. 8 and 15

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Things My Mother Taught Me*, a new romantic comedy by Katherine DiSavino, tells the story of Olivia and Gabe, a young couple moving into their first apartment together, and what happens when their parents show up to help them move in. Tickets are \$15

Contact: 734-404-6889; justgobarefoot.com

TWO MUSES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 15, and 22

Location: In the theater at West Bloomfield Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road

Details: *The Light in the Piazza* tells the story of Clara, who falls in love with an Italian man in a Florentine piazza. Her mother must decide whether she will reveal truths about her daughter that could destroy the romance. General admission advance tickets are \$23 for adults, and \$21 for students and senior citizens, age 62 and over. Tickets are \$2 more at the door

Contact: twomusetheatre.org; 248-850-9919



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